# 4,700 dead in Pakistan earthquake

The death toll from the earthquake which struck northern Pakistan on Saturday rose to 4,700 yesterday as Army rescue teams continued their work in a remote part of the Indus valley. The destruction of nine villages has also left 15,000 injured, many of whom have had to spend a third night in the open in severe cold.

# Nine villages razed

The number of deaths in Saturday's earthquake in mountainous northern Pakistan rose to 4,700 today as teams of rescuers searched for survivors in a score of villages scattered over an area of about 60 square uniles along the Karakoram high-

As the rescue and relief operaions were intensified today, it became clear that the tragedy was far more grim than had been imagined originally. It is now feared that several hundred people may still be lying buried under under destroyed houses and broken mountain rocks or washed away in the Indus river which flows by most of the affected villages.

According to reports from the disaster area, about 200 miles north of Rawalpindi, out of nearly 72,000 people in nine villages 4,700 were dead and 15,000 others were hadle 15,000 others were badly injured. About 4,400 houses had totally collapsed.

While the majority of persons killed belonged to a string of hamlets in the Indus valley, thriving on the river water, it is believed that they also in-cluded many men of the Paki-stan Army engaged in road building in the remote Karakoram mountain ranges. It is understood that there were also some Chinese in the area, in connexion with the construction of the Karakoram highway linking Pakistan and China, and a few of them might also have

A stretch of 45 miles on the newly built 450-mile Karakoram highway is said to have been badly damaged by heavy land-slips which followed the earth-quake. All of the nine affocted villages cannot be reached by road and about a dozen Army helicopters have flown 500 sorties to evacuate the dazed, injured and homeless inhabi-tants to relief centres near Besham, about 20 miles from the scene of the disaster.

Some of the journalists taken to the area by Army helicopters



found people who still seemed to be living in the nightmare of the disaster. They were too shocked and dazed even to de-scribe their experiences. The survivors are badly in need of food and protection against the severe cold, and the Army res-cue teams are trying to reach them by heliconter.

the capital and the far-flung villages in the Indus valley apparently delayed the dispatch of urgently needed relief. First reports from the disaster area last night said that the

only one village—Pattan—had been flattened by the earth-quake. However, an aerial sur-

vey during today's fair weather

damage and nine villages were found to have been almost completely destroyed. This makes the present earthquake disaster the worst in Pakistan since the one at Quetta in 1935, when about 60,000 died.

The nine villages, situated in a 60-mile belt, which were des royed by the earthquake aret Polas (1,500 dead), Shorgach (500 dead), Dubair and Jala (1,000 dead), Pattan (500 dead), Kayal (200 dead), and Kirk Mandozo and Zaidkhan (1,000

Mr Blutto, the Prime Minis-ter, who is in Karachi at pre-

sent, will return to the capital tomorrow and fly by helicopter to the stane of the disaster. New York, Dec. 30. Dr Kurt Waldheim. The Secretary General of the United Nations, today offered, "Listan "whatever assistance may be possible" from the world organization.

In a telegram to hir Bhutto from his holiday setreat on the Caribbean island of Tobago, Dr Waldheim said that he had learnt with deep distress of the loss of life and suffering caused by the earthquake. "I extend my profound sympathy to you and to the affected population" he said.—Reuter.

# into Stonehouse affairs

By David Leigh and Michael Horsnell

Police and Department of Trade investigations into Mr John Stonehouse's business and his disappearance were ordered yesterday as the banking side of his London Capital Group appeared to be heading for a crisis.

lt was accordingly made a condition of assistance that a satisfactory arrangement, he concluded.

was concluded and to afternative
marketing arrangements were proposed which, in the opinion of the
government, offered comparable
prospects for the sale of AML cars
in North America.

was speaking on behalf of two fellow directors whe would also continue on the board. He stated:

help from its parent company, the Midlands-based Company Developments, which bought Aston Martin from the David making a thorough investigation of the affairs of the company and its subsidiaries.

Obviously there are difficulties without Mr Stonehouse, as he was

Investigations to date have caused the directors to refer certain matters to the Department of Trade and to solicitors now acting for the company for advice. At this stage I am hopeful that, although there are some problems, the business it capable of remaining a viable and worthwhite concern. Both the Department of Trade and the Bank of England are being kept informed of the steps I am taking.

steps I am taking.
He welcomed the aunounce-80 musicians to

roday gave a pledge to beycott the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization The group of composers, conductors, and performers, led by Artur Rubinstein, Vladimir Horowitz and Leonard Berastein, sent a letter to Mr

tor-general of Unesco.

It said: "We refuse to participate in and hereby disassociate ourselves from the activities of Unesco. Our withdrawal will commue until Unesco rescinds its politicizing resolutions directed against

manifestation of a growing out-cry against anti-Israel resolu-tions adopted by Unesco's 135-member general conference last month.

supported resolutions, which were adopted, in effect excludresolutions denied Israel's request to join Unesco's European regional group and cut off Israel's 512,000 (£5,200) Unesco cultural allocation for 1975.

here today included Mr Rubin-stein, Mr Bernstein, Isaac Stern, the violinist, Pierre Boulez, Zubin Mehta and Seiji the conductors, and Claudio Arrau, the pianist.-Reuter.

The Price Commission has

approved an application by the Distillers company to increase the retail price of a bottle of whisky by at least 6 p. Distil-lers' whiskles include Haig and Johnnie Walker.

In common with other national daily newspapers, The Times will not be published comorrow,

### Cairo refusal to toe Soviet line From Edmund Stevens Moscow, Dec 30 the reconvening of the Geneva there would be no point in h Russia announced today that Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, The obvious purpose of this sally was to warn President shuttle diplomacy were eliming shuttle diplomacy were eliminated for good, the Russians say

Much-heralded Brezhnev visit to

Middle East called off after

will not be going to Cairo, bamacus and Bagadad in January as planned. The Tass agency stated tersely that by agreement between Moscow and the Egyptian, Syrian and Iraqi leaders, the visit had been postponed and a new mutually convenient date would be announced later. No reasons for the postpone-ment were given, but the news was hardly a surprise, as the publicity build-up for the visit reased abruptly just before Christmas, and it was not mentioned in any of the reports on the talks now taking place in Moscow with Dr Fahmi, the igyptian Foreign Minister and General Gamassi, the War Minister.

In the absence of any official explanation, reliable sources configured that postponement was die to unsolved differences was die to unsolved differences between those own and Cairo on such key issues as the line to be pursued in seeking Middle East settlements. Only last cons out of Vladivostok.

Saturday Prance denounced separate deals designed by Israel's imperialist backers (meaning America) to hinder designed to unsolve the main reason for the post-ponement of Mr Erezliney's Cairo visit. And without Cairo

behind such warrangs is the Soviet Union's power to deny Egypt the sophisticated weapons to replace its depleted amenal as long as President Sadat con-Liques to prefer Dr Kissinger's cactics to those proposed by Moscow. President Sadar is easer to mend his bridges with the Soviet Union but he has ro far declined to pay the price of repudiating the Secretary of State and compromising his relations with Washington.

Cairo had hoped that detente would somehow result in the two powers synchronizing their efforts in the Middle East, in which case Cairo might stay friends with both. But this

going to the other two capitals. Unless Dr Kissinger and h

agreement negotianed through little that the Brezhnev visit further (grael withdrawal in Singilas; ther israelis had them salves suggested. The threat some Coviet military agriculture than a some Coviet military tagrifuli some Soviet military adviser to Egypt has been tactfull broached and just as tactfull declined.

The present postponement almost suggests the hand of fate Mr Brezhnev was first schedule to visit Cairo early in 1967, bu in January of that year the visit was indefinitely postponed. The following November came the announcement that he would visit Egypt early in 1968, and in January of 1968 it was an nounced that he would go the following March. And that was the last heard of that visit. Paul Martin writes from Beiru The United States is expected to follow up the postponeme of Mr Brezhnev's visit with new Middle East initiative. The Egyptians have already made

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clear that the ball is now America's court

# Police and government inquiries

The crisis developed when the Crown Agents confirmed that they will make a phased with drawal of some £350,000 on deposit with the group, about a third of the bank's total deposits. Mr James Charlton. the acting chairman of the comthe acting chairman or the com-pany, broke the silence yester-day which he has maintained since Mr Stonehouse disap-peared in Miami, virtually from his side.

The Bank of England was

I have, by invitation, assumed the chairmanship of the board in view of the continued absence of Mr. Stonehouse. In confinction with the auditors and the staff I am 500 creditors about £1m plus a £500,000 overdraft with the

very much involved in the conduct of the basiness.
Investigations to date have caused

Detectives removed the application form with which he ob tained the faise passport in the

name of Joseph Arthur Mark-ham from the Passport Office in Petry France, Westminster. ment of the Department of Trade inquiry.

As a result of confidential inquiries by the department into the growing business activities of Mr Stonehouse in Mayfair, London, Mr Shore, Scaretary of State for Trade, has ordered as investigation into the three main Stonehouse companies and is appointing two The former minister was carrying the passport when he was arrested in Meibourne on Christmas Eve. Mr Markham died in Walsall Manor Hospital last March. He had never held a passort.
Other documents relating to
Mr Stonehouse's second alse names and is appointing two inspectors to conduct it. He

identive that of Donald Clive
Militor, were also being
studied yesterday. Mr Crane
and his six detectives wil also ordered it under section 165 of the Companies Act, 1967. The inspectors' report, which may take months to prepare, will go directly to Mr Shore, who will decide whether to pass it to the Director of Public Personalism be investigating whether any money was improperly trails ferred abroad.

inquiries and we are not satis-

Scotland Yavil will be working closely with the inspectors.

A team of detectives under

Mr James Crane, deputy assist ant commissioner ar Scotland

Yard and head of the fraud

squad, was set up vesterday to centralize police investigations

into passport irregularities com-nitted by Mr Stonebouse.

la considering whether Mr Prosecutions.
Yesterday the department's files on the three main Stone-house companies — London Capital Group, Global Intex and Export Promotion and Consultancy Services Ltd—liad bean removed from Cumpanier be applied for, the police are likely to concentrate on likely to concentrate on likely to obtained, an American Express card in the name of Markham and the export of money. been removed from Companies House in the City for "Miscial

hor that by any other authre.

Subde your travel agent

Detectives are plating for a report and objects other documents from Australia but Scotlers for detections of the lower to be found to have The inspectors, whose names

tions without being cautioned and will call for the combined books and records.

The department was authorized on December 6 to make the initial inquiries that have led to the investigation.

An official there said the inquiries were in confidence because public knowledge of them might have damaged the companies. We carried out our inquiries and we are not satis-

The Criwn Agents emphasized that no special decision had been taken to withdraw their deposits, and that the with drawal will take place over a period, fu November, when Mr. Stonehouse disappeared, it was reported that the Crown Agent. had no plans to withdraw from London Capital Securities, des pite pressure on them to separate themselves from the secondary banking field.

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### the loan until agreement with Rosston was reached. "It was a chicken-and-cag situation", he added. The Department of Industry's times when manufacturing comto seek a meeting with Mr Willson in a further effort to sufficient prospect of viability voluntary liquidation, saw the Department of Industry's statement Vesterday said: AMIL's marketing strategy depended entirely on achieving substantial sales in North America and the company indicated that the distributor in the United States was able and ready to market Aston Martin and Lagonda cars. panies cannot raise money, is Mr Benn agreed to make cash

Directors and workers at Aston Martin bow to events

Directors of Aston Martin Lagonda, which announced at the weekend that it was to go little hope yesterday that the company could be saved.

The 500 workers at Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, were told yesterday that they were out of a job. Mr David Tyler, their convener, said later : " It's the cud of the line."

A creditors' meeting has been called for January 23. Mr Charles Warden, the managing director, dispussed suggestions that a takeover or injection of capital could save the company The company needed at least

12m to restore its position, he said. It was extremely unlikely that such an amount could be provided by anyone at short

The Department of Industry did not want to represent it tion, he said yesterday that Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, had overruled the Industrial Development Advisory Board concern. Company Development Advisory Board concern. Company Development Advisory Board concern. Company Development Advisory Board concern.

The owners of a Scottish

trawler that escaped from 2

Lanish comboat after a 10-hour

chase across the North Sea, in

which shells and a depth charge were fired, are to be

taken to court, if necessary in absentia, accused of breaching fishing limits, the Danish

authorities decided yesterday.

This tough response to the incident, which took place at about midnight between Christ-

mas Day and Boxing Day, is intended as a deterrent against

flight by other trawler skip-

pers when they are challenged The Department of Agricul-ture and Fisheries for Scotland

By a Staff Reporter

board twice advised that the company's requests for aid, made on July 10 and September 23, should be rejected as the business "did not hold out available, however, after the application, which formation of a second involved workers/management coopera-

He also insisted on eight conditions, one of which the company has been unable to fulfil. It involved reaching agreement with a big American r distributor to branker Astolic Martin cars.

said the company had its own United States subsidiary, so why was the Government offering support only on condition that it had an American partner, which

Commander Edward Eriksen,

naval attaché at the Danish Embassy in London, said last night after talks with the defence staff in Denmark: "We

are going to take this to court

at the Faroes, and in this case

it is absolutely certain that there will be a fine. We have

pictures of the radar showing the trawler's position as clearly five and a half miles inside the

"We will follow this up

through diplomatic channels,

and after the case one of two

things will happen: cither the owner agrees to pay the fine.

Shells fired near Scots trawler

waters.

spectacular product, an incredible, hand-built British car which we can freely export all over the world. But we have a govern-ment which, in severe economic saying it will back us if we have

Aston Martin, he said, was being used as a political tool.
Mr Benn wanted to be seen supporting everyone and every-

thing but was "frightened of his own shadow".

Mr Robert Maxwell, the former Labour MP for Bucking the wall, the formulating the second appliant and the second appliant and the second appliant of the second appliant and th Mr William Willson, chairman about £100,000 into the com-of Aston Martin, last night called on Mr Benn to resign. He pany, yesterday accused the company of "unwarranted Benn-bashing".

Mr Maxwell spoke to The Times from the QE2, which is in mid-Atlantic on a cruise. The question of American distribu-tion, he said, was "a paltry issue that must be capable of

in a radio telephone interview

that he was looking on the inci-dent as a test case for the effec-

tiveness of diplomatic and legal

which they failed to do, and so we inspected two trawlers and went after a third which we

tried to stop by various means. We fired some warning shots,

and some shots that went close without hitting them. We also

threw a depth charge to give

a shock wave so that the captain

was certain we wanted him to

"We ordered them to stop,

Faroes territorial White Boar—that chased the Aberdeen Fisher, said last night

action.

company, " but has the company lost the will to continue?" Mr Maxwell, head of Pergamon Press, returns to London on Saturday, when he intends

find a solution.

Mr Warden said yesterday that in April, the company began talks with Royston Distributors, largest distributor of British Leyland cars in the United States. United States. Royston confirmed in lune

that it would distribute Aston Martin and Laconda cars. first unsuccessful application for state aid. In September Asion Martin

began to suffer from adverse publicity and a fresh application was made. A government reply came on October 29, but by then Royston had said that it could not consider investing \$1m in a new Aston Martin franchise

# had overruled the Industrial man of Aston Martin's parent Development Advisory Board concern. Company Development Advisory Board in initially offering Aston ments Ltd, of Solihull, West appeared that the Government a feed,000 loan. The Midlands, said: "We have a had not lost the will to save the Mr Warden said, and the Company's troubles. page 17 £500,000 art theft from

paintings and Forty-seven drawings and a number of art objects were stolen from the Paris flat of Mr Jacques Cartier,

Among the missing paintings are a Picasso, a Corot, a Gauguin, a Dufy, a Redon, a

stop.

Mr Ian Wood, managing director of the John Wood Group (Aberdeen) Ltd. owners of the Aberdeen Fisher, said yesterday: "We are satisfied that the Danish vessel was doing its duty and the Aberdeen Fisher skipper now knows he was in the wrong

had not been broken into. The police suspect a young man, whose identity has not been revealed but who had the keys. He has been missing since last week. The police think that he may have fled abroad after putting the pictures in safe

Aston Martin, which owes its

Midland Bank, has received

The period between Christmas and New Year is a particularly active season for the Paris underworld as many Perisian-are spending the holidays at their secondary residences in the country.

The theft at the Cartier flat adds to the long list of art robberies carried out in France over the past year, including one of 27 contemporary paintings from the country residence in the Gard of Mr Douglas Cooper, the British art historian

# boycott Unesco over Israel New York, Dec 36 - Eighty of the world's leading musicians

Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, direc-

The letter was the latest

At that meeting, Arab, com-munist and other delegates

Those present at a press con-ference in the Carnegie Hall

# Whisky price up

# 'The Times'

## in which case everything will be OK, or else none of his vessels will ever be allowed to is investigating the incident, in which the shells and depth charge were fired near the trawler Aberdeen Fisher in an enter a Danish harbour again. Commander Hans Fink-Jensen, captain of the Danish attempt to stop her. She was one of six Aberdeen vessels alleged to have been fishing protection vessel Hvidbjornen-US fears force gold price off \$197½ peak The gold price fell back heavily on the London bullion market yesterday after climbing to a record level of \$1971 an ounce at the morning record level of \$1911 an ounce at the morning fixing. It closed at \$1921, down \$3 on the day. Considerable activity in the market during the morning thinned out later on fears that the United States Treasury might try to dampen present enthusiasm for the metal. This contributed to a ware of profitables. In the re-

# present enthusiasm for the metal and buted to a wave of profit-taking. In the restricted Paris market, however, the price at one point broke through the psychologically important \$200 barrier before falling back Page 15 Consultants' dispute may

affect all doctors The hospital consultants' contract dispute might involve the whole medical profession, Mr Walpole Lewin, chairman of the council of the British Medical Association, agreed yesterday. He said the onus was on the Government to make fresh proposals with a wish to begin in a new atmosphere

# Extended truce hope

O'The Government is expected to make a positive political response to the IRA today in order Fou to preserve the ceasefire, which is due to expire midnight on Thursday. Mr Rees, Secretary co-car of State, said yesterday that he proposed to sar I "rake certain steps" to maintain the truce

# Mr Benn's EEC letter

angers ministers

Mr Bean's letter to constituents attacking Britain's EEC link has angered some ministers. Mr Callaghan, on his return from Africa, will be pressed by those who are Cabinet colleagues to demand an explanation from Mr Bean, and to demand an explanation from Mr Benn, and to raise the issue in the Cabinet (our Political

# More school violence

The increase in violence in schools and assaults on teachers over the past three years were absolutely horrifying, the Assistant Masters absolutely herrifying, the Assistant Masters Association's annual council meeting was told Association's annual council meeting was too yesterday. One teacher told of an assault on a colleague by a pupil who had been diagnosed as dangerous, although the school was not told Page 3

# Libya lifts oil ban

The embargo on oil exports to the United States imposed by Libya 14 months ago has been lifted. No official announcement has been made but oil companies have been told they can resume exports to any destination Page 15

# Gallant Amiss hits 90

The fourth day's play in the third Test match between Australia and England ended at Melbourne yesterday with Australia needing 242 runs for victory. Amiss hit a gallant 90 in England's second innings total of 244 and Greig a useful 60. At the close of play Australia were four for no wicket

## American's Paris flat From Charles Hargrove Paris. Dec 30

a. American landscape archi tect. The thefr was discovered on Friday by his wife.

Gauguin, a Dury, a Redon, a Suzanne Valadon, a drawing by Toulouse-Lautrec, and several works by Daumier, and by Dunoyer de Segonzac.

Mime Cartier had inherited the collection from her previous

Magistrates courts: Radical Alternatives to Prison is seeking

a Home Office inquiry into "startling and injust" varia-tions in jail sentences by JPs 3

Rhodesia settlement: Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, arrives in Lusaka today at the

start of his African tour to find

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the collection from her previous father in-law, a Paris luwyer, Maître Loncle, a great art collector and friend of Dunoyer de Segonzac. The value of the collection is estimated at about 5m francs (nearly £500,000).

The main entrance to the flar

Watergate trial: Before retiring yesterday the jury were told by Judge Sirica to ignore the Nixon pardon Pressure on banks: The Bank of England and the clearing banks have been urged to state pub-licly as soon as possible their long-term policy towards secon-dary banks 15

Union: draw for second round of national knockout competition: Racing: Prospects and runners for eight meetings Obituary, page 14 Sir Zachary Cope; Mr Derek Henr

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Political Staff

Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, who is in Africa, will come under pressure from some of his Cabinet colleagues to demand an explanation from Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, after the latter's declaration on Sunday that contimed membership of the Euro-pean Community would finish Eritain 25 a self-governing

There was little doubt yesterday that some ministers were angered by Mr Benn's state constituents. In it he also said that continued membership would end our democratically elected Parliament as the supreme law-making body of the United Kingdom.

One Cabinet minister said that Mr Callaghan had little choice but to raise the issue at the earliest opportunity inside the Cabinet, for Mr Benn had ut right across the negotiations being conducted with the other nember states of the European Community. Moreover, Mr Benn was widening the arena of the negotiations by going beyond the Labour Party's general actions. eral election manifesto on the question of sovereignty.

In a sense, some ministers were taking satisfaction from the second point. They felt that it demonstrated that Mr Benn was obliquely recognizing the success so far of the renegotiations and for that reason was giving preeminence to the question of sovereignty.

Mr Benn's remarks illuminate more clearly than higherto com-

more clearly than hitherto com-ments by Mr Callaghan in the Commons just before the Christmas recess, which have generally been overlooked. Mr Callaguan said that all interrational agreement involved to some degree loss of sovereignty for the signatory states and especially for citizens of the EEC, because it made provision for a body of law to have direct internal effect in member states, although the final decisions were taken outside. There was no escape from that point, Mr. Callaghan said, and the Government was well aware of its im-

But earlier in his speech he said that the number of regula-tions and directives that issued from the European Commission, and therefore fell under Com-

mons scrutiny, was ways greater than administrative decisions that would have been taken by ministers in Britain which would not have been challenged except by way of questions in the House or in

He added: "I had not fully realized that in some ways we are encompassing the Government with a greater degree of control by Parliament as a re-sult of the transference of these powers than would otherwise be the case.

correspondence.

forthright:

Renn's deductions Mr apparently do not match Mr views. Some ministers last night were convinced that the Secretary of State had decided to "widen the arena" because he was finding himself increasingly isolated. While ministers, for obvious reasons, did not wish to be identified, some of their pro-European backbench colleagues were more

forthright:
Mr Neville Sandelson, Labour
MP for Hillingdon, Hayes and
Harlington, said: This sort of
thing is utterly bewildering to
backbenchers doing their best to
sustain the Government, as well
as to millions of men and women
who elected us only a few weeks
are Their faith and lovalty is who elected us only a few weeks ago. Their faith and loyalty is shattered by divisive outbursts of this kind from a leading member of the Cabinet. The nation has a great deal of confidence in Mr Callaghan's ability to deal with Europe. Mr Paul Rose, Labour MP for Manchester, Blackley, said in a message to his constituents: Mr Benn is playing silly games to the gallery at a time when the ronsequences of self-imposed consequences of self-imposed

isolation from Europe could be catastrophic. Mr Brian Gould, Labour MP for Southampton, Test, stated: Mr Benn has said no more than has already become clear to any MP who has seen the effect of Com-mon Market membership on the parliamentary control of legis-lation. The Government is not attempting to renegotiate on the issue of sovereignty and has not yet recognized its importance. but it will become a crucial

debate. The Association of Cinemato graph, Television and Allied rechnicians sent a telegram to Mr Benn saying: Congratula-tions and full support for your statement re Common Market.

factor in the Common Market

# Praise for **Aston** Martin's workers

From Penny Symon Newport Pagnell

Two gold-and-green fluttered desultorily yesterday over the small, slightly dilapsdated mock-Tudor office of Aston Martin, the sports car manufacturers, at Newport Paguell, Buckinghamshire.

The works next door was deserted, apart from a commis-sionaire busy answering telephone calls, and a red-and-white barrier was down at the empty service area opp

The company's 500 highly workers were at a cinema in the town facing the news that the company had gone into voluntary liquida-

Union officials were told at nidday on Sunday that the company could not carry on and the reasons were explained more fully by Mr Charles Warden, the managing director.
Warden, the managing director,
said that the future looked
assured a month ago when the
Government offered a £600,000 loan to prop up the organiz-ation while it got its export programme under way.

Eight conditions were im posed and the company could comply with seven, but not the sighth, that the company should conclude a company with Royston, the biggest distributor of British Leyland in the United States. Royston would give no guarantee unti-government backing was 20vernment

Mr Warden said later that he was astonished and angry that the Government should let a company like Aston Martin go to the wall: "The unions and I had made three joint approaches to Mr Benn (Secretary of State for Industry) in the hope that he would come to the factory and see for himself, but he declined.

The company had film debts, Mr Warden said, but it could have obtained £2m in export orders to the United States if only it had kept going. pointed this out in a letter to Mr Benn, but he replied that all the Government's conditions must be met.

"The mind boggles that a company like this can go under. We have terrific export potential and superb labour relations, and this will cost the Government hundreds of thou-EEC challenge, page 3 sands of pounds in redundancy



the factory yesterday.

and unemployment money, and I think it would have been far bener to keep the company going."

Aston Martin is Newport Pagnell's mail industry.
Townspeople gathered in
groups near the cinems. One man, awaiting news from his brother, an Aston Martin upholsterer, said the company was still regarded as a family concern, making luxurious hand-built cars which put the town on the world map.

"This is a catastrophe for the town, and people are very upset", he said. "I don't know what my brother will do. The nearest car factory is Vauxball in Luton or Coventry, but that means extra travelling, and jobs are not easy to come by As the men streamed out of the cinema many said they knew the company had been in

Mr Charles Warden, managing director of Aston Martin, outside

considerable financial diffi-culty but trad hoped that something would turn up.".
One said: "I could see that things were going wrong in September, and anyone who said this has come as a com-plete shock today must be naive. In the purchasing naive. In the purchasing department we had no money to buy anything.

"The management kept blaming financial difficulties and anyone could see that cars were not being bought. In these times people cannot afford a £10,000 to £14,000 car." Mr Donald Tyler, a sheet metal worker and senior shop who had been steward, appointed spokesman for the men, said there would be no sit-in.

Aston Martin's troubles

# Hospital dispute may involve all doctors By John Roper Medical Reporter

The dispute over the hospital consultants' contract may soon involve the whole medical profession. When the question was put to Mr Walpole Lewin. chairman of the council of the British Medical Association yesterday, he replied: "Yes, we are fighring for the independence of the profession."

Mr Lewin, a Cambridge neurologist, when asked what might resolve a situation that doctors have admitted, will lead to patients suffering to some degree, said the next move was difficult in the present bad atmosphere. The present bad atmosphere. The Government must accept that the last word had not been said and that the whole ques-tion was open to negotiation. He had tried to the last

moment when the Owen com-mittee talks broke down just before Christmas to get before Christmas to get another discussion paper, if necessary in another suitable working party. But the answer from Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, was that the contract offered was not negotiable except on points of detail

The staff side had wished to The staff side had wished to continue talking if points elready accepted by the chairman of the committee. Dr Owen, Minister of State for Health and Social Security, had been sustained. But they could not go right back to the beginning after weeks of negotiation.

Mr. Lewin said that the onus was on the Government to was on the Government to make fresh proposals with a wish to begin in a new atmos-phere. "Hospitals consultants are still at work. They are not on strike", he said. "If Mrs Castle does not want to employ them, that is her responsibil-

When many or most of the hospital consultants

The Crown Agents said yester-

day: "In line with our policy towards our involvement in

secondary banking as a whole,

Continued from page 1

begin to work to contract (31) to 38! hours a week) from next Thursday, the effect will not immediately be apparent. But as most consultants work 50 to 60 hours a week in the National Health Service and are also on call, 'patients will soon be inconvenienced Emer-gencies will be looked after,

gencies will be looked after, Junior hospital staff; up to sendor registrar, will do their normal work, Dr Ian McKim Thompson, secretary of the Junior Hospital Staff Group Council, said yesterday. But they would not fill in gaps that consultants left.

The General Medical Ser vices Committee, representing 23,000 family doctors, has recorded support for the con-Committee, representing sultaries. At least five thousand general practitioners work general practitioners work part-time in hospitals as clinical assistants. How many will

cal assistants. How many will support the consultants will soon be known.

The resort of the Review Body on Dectors' and Dentists' Remuneration on the 18 per cent pay chim for the whole profession was sent to the Prime Minister just before Christmas. It is usually published within a deek or two.

Union warning: Area health authorities throughout northwest England are to be told by the National Unions of Public the National Unions of Public Employees (Nupe) that from Friday its members services will be withdrawn for private patients at hospitals where consultants work to contract. Call for inquiry: Private pracreferred to an independent public inquiry, Sir Geoffrey Howe, shadow health minister, uggested in a letter to Mrs Castle vesterday.

Mrs Castle replied to Sir Geoffrey that she had "made it clear that we are unwilling to move further on broad principles, but equally there is ample room for discussions on the

**Board calls for Stonehouse resignation** 

Plea to Mr Wilson on signalmen's strike

By Raymond Perman Labour Staff

Another 24 hour strike by signalmen is expected to dissignalmen is expected to dis-ropt Eastern region rail ser-vices today. British Rail said last night that the strike, due to begin at 6 am, was likely to affect only trains to and from Fenchurch Street station, London. Liverpool Street services were uncertain, but might well

run normally.

There were not expected to be any trains on the Tilbury branch, but a service between Shoeburyness and Upminster might be possible.

The signalmen are demanding about £5.50 a week extra to cover increased responsibility and the loss of differentials. Sir Bernard Braine, MP for Esser, South-east, said yester-day that he had asked the Prime Minister to intervene. Earlier he had unsuccessfully asked hir he had unsuccessfully asked Mr. Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, to refer the dispute to the Conciliation and Arbitration Service, and Mr. Richard Marsh, chairman of British Railways, to set up an independent inquiry. Mr. Wilson, and holiday in the Isles of

Scilly, had not received Sir Bernard's letter last night.

Strikers on Eastern Region will meet our January 5 to consider forther section. sider further action. Southern Region a walk-out on

January 23 is threatened.

Negotiators from British Rail and the National Union of Railconsider a claim from the union for regrading of some signalmen and are to meet again later this month; but even if the claim was met in full it would be unlikely to satisfy the strikers. British Rail said vesterday that up-to-date information on train services could be obtained by dialling 01-246 8080.

The Crown Agents, who found

themselves severely over exten-

ded in last year's secondary banking crisis, manage funds amounting to £850m on behalf of overseas governments and public authorities. Last month, two months after the Crown

Agents decided to change the

basis of their deposits with London Capital from a fixed

term to "call money", an £85m

government rescue operation

Details refused: The Waikiki Sheraton hotel in Honolulu,

Hawaii, yesterday refused to

was announced.

# North Sea safety diving rules

By a Staff Reporter The Department of Energy yesterday announced new safety regulations governing diving operations of the British sector

divers must be aged 18 or over. properly trained and in possession of a medical certificate. They must work no more than three hours in 24 under water and must keep a personal log of their diving activities.

Each operation must be under the control of an experienced supervisor and at least two divers must remain on the surface on stand-by. A twocompartment compression compartment compression chamber and a submersible compression chamber must be used for operations below 50 metres, at which depth the use of compressed air is forbidden. Each diving employer is required to compose written safety regulations covering his operations and to submit them for approval to the Secretary of

State for Energy. The department must also be told of any operations beneath 125 metres. operations beneath 125 metres.

The regulations do not cover diving from pipe-laying barges or registered dredgers, which may be provided for in the Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) Act, 1971.

Failure to comply with the new regulations may lead to fines of up to £400 and up to

two years imprisonment.
The Offshore Installations (Diving Operations) Regulations (S1 1974/1129) (Stationery Office, 15p).

## £30,000 bank charge

Thomas Edwin Vaner-Driscoe, Thomas Edwin Vaner-Driscoe, aged 26, unemployed, of ne fixed address, was committed in custody for trial at the Central Criminal Court by Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court yesterday, accurad of demandical with day, accused of demanding with menaces £30,000 from the manager of an Oxford Street bank.

# IRA ceasefire extension expected

The Government is almost certain to make a positive political response to the IRA within the next 24 hours, possibly by announcing the release of between 50 and 100 internees. in order to preserve the Pro-visionals' ceasefire, which is due of the continental shelf.

The rules which come into force tomorrow, decree that divers that the area 18 are to expire at midgish on Thursday. Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. main churches that he proposed

to "take certain steps" to maintain the truce; but an agreement may already have been reached at a less publicized but more important meeting earlier in the day between a senior British civil servant and a Methodist lay preacher who met IRA leaders in co Clare

three weeks ago. Mr Stanley Worrall, a former headmaster, chairman of the New Ulster Movement, who mer the Provisionals with other leading churchmen to arrange the ceasefire at a secret meeting in Feakle, spent an hour with Sir Frank Cooper, Mr Rees's permanent secretary and closest political adviser, during the morning. He emerged from Stormont Castle having apparently secured some kind of ently secured some private assurance from the Government. Some of Mr Worrall's colleagues later spoke on the telephone to Sinn Fein representatives in Belfast who in turn are believed to have approached the Provisional IRA-Mr Rees and his advisers have

spent much of the past two days discussing what response to make to the IRA. One thing is clear: both the Provisionals and the Government are anxious that the truce should continue, and the four church leaders said yesterday that they, 100, were happier about its continuance. Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Roman Catholic Primate of All Ireland, said on the steps of Stormont Castle after their meeting with Mr Rees that he was "slightly more optimistic than I was two hours

ago" Mr Rees had not revealed his plans, he said; the church-

men had not put forward any proposals, nor were they acting

and the Government. The Rev Harold Sloane, former President of the Methodist Church, questioned repeatedly

by reporters, said Mr Rees had mld him that he had been thinking of a possible response dur-ing the Christmas period. "He said he had been thinking of taking some steps if this was

Presumably Mr Rees sponse." has yet to gain Cabinet approval for an initiative. There have been few violent incidents to mar the ceasefire,

but yesterday evening a youth aged 17 was shot dead in the predominantly Protestant Belfast suburb of Newtownabbey. The police said he had been duckshooting at Belfast Lough with a friend when they were approached by four men, one of whom was carrying a rifle, who demanded their gun. The shooting occurred shortly after-

In the Republic of Ireland yesterday Mr Patrick Cooney, Minister for Justice, refused to meet any of the demands laid down by the Provisional IRA prisoners who held 27 warders hostage in Portlaoise jail on Sunday afternoon. Mr Patrick Kelly, the prison governor, eventually persuaded the prisoners to release their captives, after listening to 11 demands for improved prison conditions, a better parole system, and more food.

Mr Cooney, perhaps his government's most outspoken opponent of the IRA, said the demands were ridiculous. He will report on the incident at a cabinet meeting today. Entry in disguise: Mr Daniel Ryan, national organizer of Clann na h'Eireann, the British counterpart of the official Sinn Fein, slipped into Britain yester-day in disguise (our Bristol Cor-respondent writes). Mr Ryan, wearing glasses and platform shoes to add to his height, and with his ginger hair dyed, used a false name when he got off the Dublin to Holyhead ferry. He thought it not unlikely

detained, although under the new anti-terrorism law he cannot be deported because he has lived in Britain for more than 20 years.

He said he had disguised him-self because he had expected "opposition" from the Special

But Inspector Graham Cutting, Cardinal Conway added: "I did not get the impression that there will be absolutely no response." Presumable No. 2016. Bristol press conference. "We do not want either to arrest or to interview him."

Mr Alfred O'Rawe, the third man sent to Northern Ireland from Britain with an exclusion order, was arrested by the Royal Ulster Constabulary last night on arrival at Aldergrove airport, outside Belfast, and questioned about any possible links with terrorists. MPs at Westminster have

been asking why the first two men sent to Northern Ireland with exclusion orders were released by the RUC, but the Government has repeatedly stated that the Act under which terrorist suspects can be held without trial applies only to men suspected of violent acts in Northern Ireland. So unless the police or Army believes that Mr O'Rawe has been so involved, he is certain to be leased within two days. He has been in England for 11 years but came originally from the Lower Falls district of Belfast. Piper's lament : Thomas Hickey, aged 39, Irish-born, who played a lament at the mortuary for James McDade, the Coventry IRA bomber who blew himself IRA bomber who blew almseir up, told a Birmingbam court yesterday: "I have lost everything" (the Press Association reports). He said he had received threatening letters, his home had been damaged, he had lost his job and had spent 12 days in custody.

For damaging a police car and being drunk and disorderly, Mr Hickey, of Summer Road, Acocks Green, was fined £10

12 days in custody.

# Pay formula put to teachers in Scotland

From a Staff Reporter

A formula for settling the teachers' pay dispute, which has disrupted education throughout Scotland, was announced in Edinburgh last night Mr Robert Beattle, leader of the teachers' negotia tors on the Scottish teachers

which companies.

Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, £900,000 will be added to the Houghton award. About £150,000 of it could be found from a payment due to the teachers under Phase Three but withheld by the Pay Board. Details of the settlement will be drawn up by a working which will meet on January 8.

Health officials at Northampton yesterday appealed to customers of an Indian food shop in Ambush Street to seek medical examinations after a man from Bangladesh staying there was found to have typhoid.

QC heads fire inquiry Mr K. G. Jupp, QC, is to chair the inquiry into the fire at the Fairfield Home, Edwal-

salaries committee,

represents staff and local authorities, said the provisional agreement proposed redistribution of the £41m award to Scottish teachers recommended by the Houghton committee, giving more to the lower paid.

If the formula is agreed by the three Scottish teachers' unions and endorsed by Mr

Other education news, page

Typhoid appeal

and ordered to pay £19 compensation.

Sharing the shame, page 12 ton. Nottinghamshire, earthis month, in which 18 people died.

### we are instituting an orderly phased withdrawal from this sphere of our activities, and that includes London Capital Securi-The board of London Capital tal Securities. Securities, which has in effect meant Mr Charlton, and Mr John McGrath, a former long-standing friend of Mr Stonehouse is in an acutely

embarrassing position Sir Charles Forte is a third, nonexecutive director.

It is understood that the From Herbert Mishael send Mr Stonehouse a telegram asking him to resign as chair-

man. That would clear the way for the appointment of a new chairman and further directors. Although London Capital Securities was set up initially as a bank for Bengalis, it is usder-stood to have few private de-positors, among them Bengalis in the Midlands. Most of their deposits, believed to total little more than fim, comes from

Among the matters the Department of Trade inspectors will be investigating will be allegations by a former director, Mr Keith White, that he was asked by Mr Stonehouse to sign attendance records for board meetings he did not attend. That night contravene the Com-

Mr White says he did not accede to Mr Stonehouse's re-quest. Mr Stonehouse's private companies, which included Global-Imex, are closely intertwined with the affairs of the banking company, Landon Capi-

London Capital Securities has its money on loan to Bengali and English small businessmen in Britain; shopkeepers, restaurateurs and property developers. Until last year at least, the com-pany had little cause for anxiety ever liquidity. One businessman connected with it said that so

divulge details of telephone calls Mr Stonehouse made to executive director.

In -in effort to insufate the banking company from the doubt surrounding its former chairman the board has preserved silence publicly; but in private anxious meetings have been held, with the Crown Agents to discuss their with drawal plans, and with each other to decide what to do about Mr Stonehouse and about preserving confidence in the bank.

It has been reported that the considerable task of Markham, and made telepositors will have to carry out a considerable task of Markham, and made telepositors to decide what to do about Mr Stonehouse and about preserving confidence in the bank.

It is understood that the England on November 22 (a Sulf Reporter writes). It has been reported that while in hiding Mr Stonehouse booked in at a hotel in the name of Markham, and made telephone calls to an hotel in Hamp-

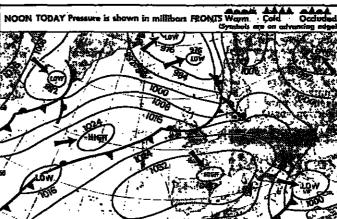
An increasing note of criticism is appearing in Australia Mr Clyde Cameron, Australian Minister for Immigration, in ordering the release of Mr Stonehouse from Commonwealth police custody and encouraging him to believe he might be permitted to settle in Australia. Senator Margaret Guilfoyle,

the Liberal Party shadow mini-ster on the media, said she could not understand why Mr Stonehouse did not return to Britain to explain the serious charges of blackmail he had made against persons unspecified Mr Stonebouse was trying to

several questions hanging over She thought Mr Cameron had no doubt tried to investigate the

matter to the best of his ability, but some of his actions were open to question. Mr Stonehouse had unfinished business in his own country to settle before he should settle in Australia. The Herald, the Melbourne evening newspaper, said in an editorial:
"An example of curious behaviour came at the weekend from the Immigration Minister, Mr Cameron. Contrary to what most people would expect, he failed completely to condemn the activities of the British MP on the run, Mr Stonehouse."

# Weather forecast and recordings



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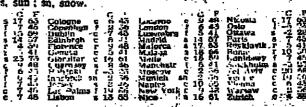
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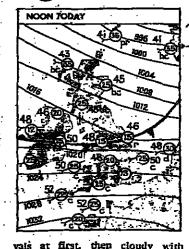
Pressure will remain high over France and Biscay while a trough advances SE over the British Isles. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE. Central S England : Bright intervals at first becoming cloudy with occasional rain at night; wind SW veering W, fresh Tomorrow

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(23.0ft); 1.8 pm, 6.5m (22.4ft).
Hull, 8.19 am, 7.4m (24.2ft); 8.23 pm, 7.7m (25.2ft). Liverpool, 1.5 am, 9.4m (31.0ft); 1.22 pm, 9.8m (32.0ft).
or strong; max temp 10°C (50°F).

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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY ; & cloud; f. kair ;;





SW England, S Wales: Mostly cloudy with hill fog and occasional drigate at first, then some rain, what SW, veering W, fresh or strong; max temp 11°C (52°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Mainly dry at first with some shells for the form. sunny spells after early frost, milder cloudy weather with rain later spreading from W to most districts.

Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind SW, veering W, strong; sea moderate, becoming rough. Strait of Dover, English Chan-rel (E): Wind W. fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm. 7°C. 43°F; min, 6 pm to 6 am. 4°C. 33°F. Hunddity. 6 pm. 62 per cent. Rain. 24hr to 6 pm. 62 per cent. Rain. 24hr to 6 pm. 4.7hr. Ber. mean sea level, 6 pm. 15m². 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

# 'No consultation' complaint on air route changes

By Arthur Reed ...
Air Correspondent
Strong criticism of the Civil Aviation Assisority for a lack of "meaningful consultations" with local authorities and amenity bodies before announcing a decision to change departure routes from change departure routes from Heathrow airport was made vesterday by the Noise Advisory Council.

The CAA announced on Nacomber 20 a plan which is port consultative committees. amenity associations and other groups concerned with aircraft noise, who had their chance to

November 20 a plan which it had had under consideration for two years, to divert northbound air traffic from Heath-row away from the existing route over High Wycombe and Princes Risborough and on to a new rouse over Beaconsfield, Amersham, Chesham, Boving-don and Hemel Hempstead. In a statement yesterday, the CAA said it considered it was

its responsibility to consult avi-ation bodies such as those representing pilots and the sir-lines, and that it had done. The Department of Trade added: "We sent details of the changes in September to MPs, local authorities, air-

make representations at presentations which were made on the plan. The strength of the protest over the short time allowed for consultation before the new routes become operational in the spring has plainly embar-rassed both the CAA and the Department of Trade. A further presentation of the plan is being arranged to take place in the affected area.

# Isle visitors'

tax opposed The Isle of Wight Tourist Board yesterday declared its opposition to a landing tax on

Mr Raymond Sleep, the board's chairman, said the our come would be "strangulation of the goose that lays the goldrisitors. en eggs".

More radio news Loudon Broadcasting, the news and information commer-cial radio station, will increase its news broadcast by more than 15 hours a week from

Monday. 54 ewes stolen Rustlers stole 54 ewes in lamb from Court farm, Forest of Dean, Gloocestershire, and Mr Thomas Mills, the owner, said yesterday that they left

him only six animals.

# Four players tie for lead in Hastings chess

From Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent Hastings Some lively play in round 3

of the premier tournament in the Hastings Chess Congress resulted yesterday in a tem-porary quadruple tie for the leading place among Beljavsky, G. Garcia, Hartston and Hort, all of whom have two points. But they should be passed by Ulf Andersson, who has an adjourned game against the young American, Mark Diesen, which looks won for the Swedish grandmaster.

English players had mixed fortunes in this round. Hartston

won well against Planinc, but Mestel lost rather badly to

Sigurionsson, and Basman was

guilty of too many oversights against G. Garcia to hope to

avoid the loss.

Botterill's game against Csom was postponed as Csom was ill The accompanying table gives results of round 3: White Black Opening Result Basman G. Garcia KGD Fall boer

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results. Adjourned games round 1: Andersson beat Stean. Round 2: Stean drew with

General Franco, the

for his 82 years,

faces the press

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to the nation.

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yesterday before

Spanish chief of state,

looking remarkably fit

end-of-the-year address

Wildlife Fund's

world resources

resources through short-sighted

"For as long as civilization lasts, mankind is likely to need

profligately now is to doom

life", he said in a New Year

message issued by the fund's headquarters in Switzerland.

Exploitation must be tempered

by good conservation measures.

world's natural resources to

maintain and improve the quality of human life cannot be

"Unfortunately much of the

current exploitation is character

ized by a destructiveness which

with some flagrant examples or

greed and disregard for the responsibilities we all share for

the welfare of our fellow men.

Lithuanians sent

to labour camps

Moscow, Dec 30 .- Four Lith-

transans have been semenced to labour camp terms ranging

from one to eight years on charges of anti-Soviet activity.

"The need to exploir the

By Tim Devlin

Education Correspondent

Figures showing the increase of violence in schools and physical assaults on teachers over the post three years were absolutely borrifying. Mr Michael McGowan, from Liverpool, teld the Annual Council Meeting of the Assistant Masters Association in London yesterday.

He said that one of his colleagues at Old Hall High School, Maghull, had been assaulted by an adolescent girl recently and had suffered a broken nose and black eyes.

"He is a general walking

"He is a general walking example of pupil violence and pedagogic 'impotence", he

The council of delegates representing the association's 42,000 members unanimously called on the encoutive to of devise effective means of guidance and support for members who were victims of a serious disciplinary incidents, especially assault. It called for especially assault it caned to consultations with other teacher organizations and local authorities to establish an effective agreed procedure.

Mr McGowan, proposing the motion, referred to the possibi-lity of teacher, withdrawing their services when violent disruption occurred. He also referred to figures published recently by the National Association of Schoolmasters that the annual number of cases of

ters Association in London

He warned the profession that after the £432m pay award recommended by the Houghton committee for leachers rate-

payers were entitled to expect

Mr Prentice said the Government accepted the general principles of the report and

would find the money to im-

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ago to 600 this year.

He said: "These figures are absolutely horrifying. It is up to us to see that they are reduced. They will not be reduced unless we show that we have the will and the means to take the matter into our hands and provide our members with the backing they need against this kind of violence."

Mr. H. G. Carthidge, from

Newcastle, Staffordsbire, com-plained that often local auth-orities would not admit that anything was amiss and that head teachers took back suspended pupils without consulting their stait. The trachers were confused about the pro-

vice, in particular residential centres, which could cope with findi violent disruptive pupils. mon Mr Ellis Lees, from ing Chatham, Kent, said that the tion.

Call for devotion to duty

a local authority hostel, and was now in a mental home.

a motion expressing grave concern about the financial position of local education authorities. Mr Elgar Jorkins, from Bath, said: "I do not think there is any local education authority which is not at this moment in debt. Local government generally is highly labour intensive. The impact of threshold payments has meant that the budget arranged a year ago has been outdistanced by inflation."

He said most authorities had money borrowed as well as try-ing to fight next year's infla-

council for Educational Standards, a non-party body, of which he is chairman, will develop the theme and the bope that teachers, parents and others concerned will bring pressure on local authorities for a return to traditional standards of education.

Dr Loyson said teachers were fleeing city schools because of the continued assault on their confidence and integrity. There were endless figures to prove a collapse of discipline. At one time it was the bad boy who did not go to school but now it was the good boy who stayed away for his own protection from school blackmail and pro-

teachers which was most dangerous, however. That decline of discipline had nothing to do with lack of money for schools or size of class. Like illiteracy, indiscipline pupil-teacher

The decline of a set curriculum, the retreat from examinations and measured learning and the growth of so-called child-centred learning were causes of decline.

"Children crave for order and structure, but many schools provide them with a pathless desert which is misery to the sensitive, introverted child who wants security, order, his own book, a regular timetable, his own desk and his own coat

wreckers" were watched, every history lesson became a study of some peasant or racial revolt against real or so-called oppression, and they were concerned to bring the schools down in anarchy.

Dr Boyson continued: "The conspiracy of silence by many their education officers and their committees on violence and truancy must end." They would have to face reality instead of blackballing heads and staff who told what the

Reports connected the case with an official campaign against an underground Roman Catholic iournal. The Communist Party organ in Lithuania, Sovietskana Litra, in its issue that reached Moscow today, reported that the four men had been found guilty of illegally copying and distributing anti-Soviet litera-ture which had been sent abroad.-Reuter.

# **EEC** officials dispute the accuracy of Benn accusations

From Roger Berthoud Brussels, Bec 30

The attack by Mr Wedgmood Benn, the Secretary of State for Industry, on Britain's mem-bership of the EEC was seen in Brusies today as a foretaste of the expected referendum campaign.

The outburst is likely to strengthen the desire of Britain's partners to clinch a renegotiation ocal enabling Mr Wilson to recommend con-traced membersaip. It may, however, complicate "renegoti-ations" on the delicate topic of the Government's freedom to pursue its own regional aid

policies. It had been expected in Brusseis for some time that British anti-marketeers, creasingly unsure of increasingly unsure of their ground in attacking the eco-nomic aspects of EEC membersaip and its effect on Britain's old trading partners, would turn their attack to the central

Indeed, Mr Wisson himself pointed the way by emphasizing in his speech before the Paris summit meeting that the issue of Bracia's budgetary contribution was only one of contribution was only one of several important penotiating

whole hog on sovereignty, in the best tradition of Mr Enoch Powell. EEC officials and diplomats found much to challenge in the detail of his eccusations. But it was the sneer brayado of Mr Benn's control account of the beauty of the sneer brayado of Mr Benn's control account of the beauty of the sneer brayado of the sneer central assumption—that what is considered good by the main powers of Western Europe should be bad for Britain—which took their breath away.

Mr Benn is recommended cordially to look where Britain now stands in terms of economic strength and political influence after 28 postwar, pre-membership years of unfertered sovereignty, compared with France and West Ger-many after 18 years of EEC membership.

Does Mr Benn, it is asked in Brussels, believe seriously that France and Germany, let alone stubborn Holland and volatile Italy, are preparing to converthemselves severally into "one province of a West European state"?

As Mr Benn is credited with intelligence in Brussels, it is assumed, that he makes no such mistake, but is anxious to be leader of an anti-EEC

vice-president of the European World resources

Morges, Dec. 30.—Prince
Bernhard of the Netherlands, the president of the World wildlife Fund, today warned the World against the destruction

opinion believes that Eritain's defence is stronger within Nato, and that the best hape for economic health lies within the EEC.

Non-operational sovereignty for a country of Britain's size consists of sulking in a corner and saying: "Look 1 am free to suck my own thumb".

If Mr Benn believes that Britain would have much weight as an individual state in the forthcoming multilateral trade negoriations or in the International Monetary Fund, he must, it is argued in Brussels, be overlooking the profound changes of recent years and months in the balance of

world power.

As for Mr Benn's detailed points, the first two-concenting Britain's subjection to laws and taxes not enacted by Par-liament and not subject to parliamentary amendment or omic aspects of EEC memberhip and its effect on Britain's
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of the Nine, any change being subject to ratification by the parliaments of the Nine.
The supremacy of EEC law

over national law-Mr Benn's third point—is undeniable. But it is at variance with political realities to chim, as does Mr Beun in his fourth point, that in discharging duties imposed by membership, British minis ters, are not accountable to Parliament.

Parliament exercises democratic control over the actions of ministers, he they in Brussels or Whitehall. A government which was a party to a decision in Brussels that flouted the will of Parliament would probably be overturned. In fact it would use its veto to block any such decision. So fac-British ministers have been at some pains to explain deisions of the European Council to

Parliament.
With Mr Benn's fifth cointbasically, that EEC legislation is outside the control of elected representatives of the British people-most continen-tal pro-Europeans would agree But it is odd that the Govern-Labour Party. ment to which Mr Renn Sir Christopher Soames, a belongs should be discouraging direct elections to the Euro about 2,000 on last year.

pean Parliament, which Labour The authorities attribute the still boycotts, and a worthwhile improvement to speed limit

volving, as it did, the arrests

of General Vito Miceli, the former head of the Secret Ser-

vice, and General Ugo Ricci, a senior staff officer.

burino, the Padua investigating magistrate, but at least be was

showing fearlessness towards important people, and their guilt or innocence could have

been tested by the due process

of law. It is now thought certain that General Miceli will be

released from custody. Arguably, the Rome judiciary is as

effective as any and, because it operates in the capital, should be able to draw on the best legal minds in the country. But

The most impressive prece-

oreda, who five years ago was Interior accused of having placed in a police.

dent supporting this theory is the case of Signor Pietro Val-

Monarchy loses its last powers in Sweden.

From Our Correspondent From Our Correspondent
Stockholm, Dec 30
King Carl NVI Gustaf
Sweden presided over
Cableet meeting today for 1!
last time. He loses this right
as well as that of opening Politament, under a new constitetion that comes into effect 1!
New Year's Day.
The king, who is 28, become
a figurehead and will be su
ject to income tax.

ject to income tax.

The cabinet, led by Mr Ol Palme, a Social Democrat, m at the royal palace in Stocholm today for its last session with the king. They discuss the partition legislation and the

pending legislation and the adjourned for coffee and ci-namon buns. Mr Palme, whose party pledged to the ultimate abo

pledged to the ultimate abortion of the monarchy, thanke the king for his contribution at the meeting.

In recent years the king role at the weekly Crbin meetings has been purely pasive. The "king in council tradition is said to date from the year 1225.

The last monarch to exercise property at the meetings is a council to exercise the power at the meetings is a council to exerced power at the meetings is a council to exerced power at the meetings is a constant.

real power at the meetings w King Carl's great-grandiat Gustaf V. In 1941 he told Cabinet that if it refused allow a German division cross Sweden on its way Finland, he would abdicate. The Cabinet agreed, and t

rail.
After today's meeting the king flew to Munich to speris the New Year with Frank.
Silvia de Toledo-Sommerlat,
who is 26 and the daughter t
a German businessman. New: papers predicted that th couple would announce their

# Fewer dead on roads in oil crisis year

Bonn, Dec 30.—The year o the oil crisis will end with 2,00-fewer deaths on the roads in West Germany and 52,000 fewer injuries compared with 1973, the

German Council for Traffi-Safety said today. It added that the driving har on Sundays introduced at the beginning of 1974 to save petro and a recommended speed limit of 81 mph had helped to reduce

the number and severity of acci dents.—Reuter.
Paris, Dec 30.—Some 13,50° people have died on French roads in 1974, a reduction of about 2,000 on last year.

problems, together with a higher accident rate for motocyclists.

# Italian doctors strike over freeze in fees

Rome, Dec 30 .-- About 40.000 health service doctors through Italy started a two-day strike today to protest against a law

committee of doctors said the law, passed last August, was unjust and unconstitutional because it deprived the doctors of their right of collective bargaining.

ance organizations would remain static until Parliement passed a health reform Bill. The doctors claim that, as Parliament has not even begun to debate health reform, it will be many months before it

Reuter.

Rome. Dec 30.—Television licence fees in Italy were in-creased today by 50 per cent from 12.000 to 18,000 lire (£8 to £12).-Reuter.

# go up by 50 per cent

# General Spinola replies to attack over Mozambique

An open breach between General Antonio de Spinola, the former President of the Republic, and Brigadier Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, the mili-tary governor of Lisbon, was disclosed today.

correcting statements made by brigadier Carvalho, who accused him of intending to bring in United States or South African troops to help in the decolonizng of Mozambique.

Rrigadier Carvalho, who was present at the Lusaka talks at which the future of Mozambique was decided, has asserted that General Spinola's resignation from the presidency was not for political reasons but "because decolonizing had followed paths nd rhythms" other than those he believed in ". He was influenced by President Sengbor of Senegal "a map turned to-

In the book Brigadier Carvalho accuses General Spinola of being a stubborn man who admits of no deviar on from his own objectives. He says that when General Spinola saw that

will send American troops there (to Mozambique) and if it is not Nixon, South Africa will give us troops."

In Lis letter General Spinola rejects this statement as part of "a systematic campaign of discredit launched by Britadier

Carryllia are totally without foundation." His conversation with the brigadier on the sub-

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chance to be rescued from winter's rold and gloom! the pool, with its old English harmour acting, and mainless totally browsing among houts, angines, equipment and sevessories all over the Show! Welcome absord!

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# sentence disparities Herring landings at Scottish By Our Legal Correspondent

ports were down this year by nearly 17,000 tons compared with the 1973 catch, but were worth more than £3m more, the Herring Industry Board said in Edinburgh vesterday. Figures showed that 128-589 tons of herring was landed in 1974, compared with 145.327

tons the previous year. This year's landings were valued at \$11,731,818, compared with Dr William Dean, chairman of the Herring Industry Board, said the shortfall in landings was due to a drop in the Sher land catch from over-fishing, the government ban on fishing on the east coast in November, and appalling weather on the west

Protection order on wreck

of treasure ship

HMS Romney, a treasure-

laden mon-of-war that found-

cred off the Isles of Scilly in

1707, is to be the subject of a government protection order,

the Department of Trade announced yesterday. But the decision comes only after seven years in which the wreck has been a rich source of booty for

plunderers, according to the

Mr Roland Morris, aged 62. led a diving team that in 1967

found treasure on the Associa-tion, another vessel in a

Admiral Sir Cloudesley Shovell, which sank in rough seas on the western reefs of the islands.

He said yesterday: "It was when we started finding gold and silver coins that the rush

started. Sometimes we just could not get through for other reople's boats. We reported

all our finds to the receiver of

protection against the pirates

"In the end we gave up the Association and found the Romney, from which we also

from the authorities.

man who found it.

By Neville Hodgkinson

the national average of 6.7 per cent. The bench sending the lowest proportion to prison was in Gwent, with 2.9 per cent. The Rap survey points out that the crime rate in a particu-lar area is not necessarily re-flected in the figures for jail sentences. Liverpool, with

the protection order has come too late to save it from a lot of plundering by people who simply sell their finds in the

"The wreck was used by one of the Scillies's diving clubs as

part of an organized excursion. God knows how many people have dived on it."

Mr Morris, owner of a museum of marine archaeology

in Penzance and an author on

in reneance and an author on the subject, obtained a tem-porary injunction in the High Court in 1970 banning a salvage company from interfering with

He said yesterday that he had

had to give up his legal attempts to protect the wrecks,

as the law had proved too expensive to apply. He welcomed the fact that official

protection was now available,

and said he thought it would

strengthen efforts by diving

teams to discover the many historic wrecks still thought to

The order, to be made under the Protection of Wrecks Act,

1973, will make it an offence

to interfere with the wreck or

he off Britain's coast.

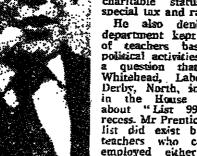
pubs afterwards.

the ships.

Romney, from which we also to carry out diving or salvage had some valuable finds before the pirates got on to it. But except under a specific licence.

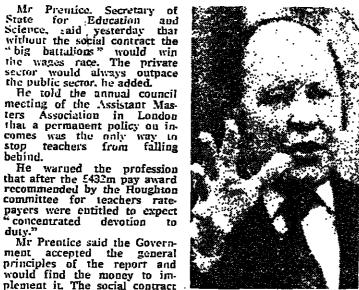
asked to investigate these vari-

Gwent is given the "conditional discharge" award, while a special award goes to Dyfed Powis JPs, who have sent no women at all to prison for



teachers and other public employees. But they would never get a fair deal until been rejected by the previous Conservative Government.

He expected the progress to continue during 1975. Answer-ing questions Mr Prentice said he had not yet decided whether to introduce legislation to comlions will always outpace the pel authorities to go comprehen-small ones, and the private seo sive. Such legislation might also



Children Later Mr Prentice said that a great deal more progress towards a fully comprehensive system had been made in the past few months. Many schemes that had been approved had

"The social contract is not simply needed to fight infl-

cerned, I see no prospect now or for some years to come of our being able to take over that sector and pay for the education of those whose education is paid for by fees. It would be an expensive business. We shall have to live with the independent sector for a long time to come. But we are committed to removing the charitable status and their special tax and rate reliefs. He also denied that his department kept a black list of teachers based on their political activities. Anticipating a question that Mr Phillip Whitehead, Labour MP for Double North

Derby, North, intends to ask in the House of Cummons about "List 99" after the recess. Mr Prentice said that the list did exist but it was of teachers who could not be would find the money to mapple the recognition of very exceptional special cases.

Teachers were one example.

Mr Prentice: Income policy a of professional misconduct. The list had no policical context at necessity.

Asked at a press conference and Asked at a press conference

Asked at a press conference had increased as more money after the meeting to comment was spent and pupil-teacher on remarks made by Dr Rhodes Boyson, at a conference in Birmingham that there were groups

numbers. earlier this year, he said.

don had been responsible for the "sillier bits" of militancy over the London allowance

neo-Trotskyist teachers in schools, Mr Pren-tice said he thought the Trotskvist clements had some influence in trade unions out of all proportion to their Trotskyist teachers in Lou-

# tor will always outpose the contain a clause to prevent local public sector." Mr. Prentice said that for places at independent schools. Mr. Prentice said that for places at independent schools. He said: "As far as the and to see that these elements derralued its teachers. That independent schools are con-

"Startling and unjust variarions" characterize the proportions in which magistrates send male offenders to jail, a survey carried out by the Bristol group

Magistrates at Eristol, and at Dorset and Bournemouth, jailed 11 per cent of adult male indictable offenders, compared with

per cent. The Home Secretary is to be

"If rogue benches like Bristol and Dorset cannot curb their jail sentence mania by voluntary means, Parliament should legislate to remove the

truth was.

right to schooling under firm conditions must be reestablished for every schoolchild as his birthright", he said.

# Herring landings JPs attacked over jail

of Radical Alternatives to Prison (Rap) shows

"no mean crime rate", is second only to Gwent in its low proportion of imprisonments

power of imprisonment from the magistracy", Rap says. Both the severest benches earn the Rap " ball and chain"



London, A for 1975.

95 per cent platinum.

ing the purity of silver and gold since 1300, is holding a cere-mony to celebrate the marking

of the first pieces of the silver-

white metal, which the Spaniards

in their American empire named

platina del pinto, because it

resembled silver.

By Philip Howard



covered Scaliger, The Hallmarking Act, passed in 1973, comes into force to-morrow, making it compulsory to hallmark platinum.
The hallmark symbol, an orh surmounted by a cross and en-compassed by a pentagon, will be applied by the Assay Offices in London and Birmingham. Each article must be at least

The ceremony will take place n Goldsmiths Hall, with a massive display of historic gold and silver plate, and a speech by Sir Harold Himsworth, prime warden of the company.

95 per cent platinum.

As New Year's Day is a public holiday, the first pieces of platinum will not be tested and stamped with the mark of approval until Thursday. The Goldsmiths' Company, which has been responsible for assaying the public of giver and sold Hutton, for many years chairman of the Assay Office Committee of the Goldsmiths Company. The second will be a cup and cover, 10 inches tall and weighing 19 oz. designed and made by Miss Jocelyn Burton. It will be set with aquamarines after being hall-

Lisbon, Dec 30

Lisbon newspapers carried a letter from General Spinola

and rhythms" words the West".

The brigadier's statements are quoted in the Portuguese press trom his book entitled Fire Months changed Portugal, which is to be published on Thursday.

He adds: "The assertions attributed to me by Brigadier

cently formed peace-keeping brigade.

# security and prosperity. A flowing from decisions of the large body of responsible Nine. of timber, mineral and oil these resources and to use them future generations to a poorer

freezing their fees.

denied, especially at a time when tens of millions suffer A statement from an action is the result of short-sighted policies and carelessness, along

The law said fees paid to the doctors by national health irsur-

becomes law. The strike, during which the doctors are guaranteeing emergency services, has been condemned by the three main trade union confederations.—

# Television fees in Italy

# From Our Correspondent

ject of decolonizing Mozam-bique was "a private one". Brigadier Carvalho combines his post of military governor of Lisbon with that of assist no commander of Copcon, the re-

### Court hearings on 'plots' transferred to Rome From Peter Nichols Milan bank a bomb which killed 16 people and inaugurat-The Court of Cassation today ordered that the Rome judicied the period of political tension caused by terrorism. ary take over from the Padua and Turin investigating magis-trates cases concerning alleged right-wing plots against the

His case was hastily moved from Milan to Rome. It was then sent back to Milan and is now awaiting bearing in the southern town of Catanzaro. In the meantime, a group of right-wing extremists has been Whatever the legal basis for this decision, it enhances the impression that judicial inquir-ies are painfully open to in-fluence. The Padua inquiry could be regarded as the most challenging step yet taken against the establishment—inaccused of the same crime. If ever Signor Valpreda is brought to trial, he, a self declared anarchist, will be tried with right-wing extremists—a piece of judicial folly which could reasonably be said to have

started, if not with his hasty arrest, then with the transfer (later reversed) of responsibil ity to the Rome judiciary.

A constant element in the Opinion has been sharply. A constant element in the divided about the wisdom of inquiries into the Valpredu the steps taken by Dr Tam- and the rightwing cases has been the questionable beha-viour of certain highly placed people in the police. It appears that Signor Valpreda was arrested, with others, in December, 1959, largely because he was an anarchist. A fellow anarchist died white

under interrogation. Originally, the right-wing trail was not followed properly; one police inspector who tried to do so lost his job. Hence, there is interest in the eruptions now occurring in the look on this transfer of responsibility as a means of preventing a decision in the cases under investigation. their departures are undoubtedly connected with placs to deal with the problem of reform of the Ministry of the

public

fellow anarchist died while

# OPENS TOMORROW! his own federal ideas for decolonizing Portugal's African territories were not possible, he was disillusioned. The brigadier quotes General Spinola as saying: "If it is necessary I will speak at my own level with Nixon and he

It's the year of the lifeboat at Earls Court. And your There's fun and excitement for all the family around

Admission first 2 days: £1.20 Child (Gp., thereafter 60p) Child 30pt 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays: 12 noom to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Mr H. G. Cartlidge, from

were confused about the proper procedure in cases of vin-lence, and any action they took was mot with varying degrees of hostility and support from the authorities and the public. He recommended that after a case of violence pupils should be suspended for two weeks while the matter was investigated. The staff should not together as a common-room association. Working parties of teachers coupted on to local

teachers coupted on to local curhorities should investigate indiscipline in their areas.

The Covernment should be asked to face its responsibili-ties and provide a welfare ser-

deputy headmaster of his school. Chatham Technical High School for boys, had his finger broken while being assaulted by a pupil. He had to give up hockey and was unable to drive his car for a considerable time. able time.

He said the pupil concerned had been transferred from another school and had had psychological treatment. But there had been a luck of con-sultation between the psycholo-gical services and the school, and the headmaster was given no information about the dan-gerous tendencies of the boy. who had since assaulted a police officer, absconded from

Earlier, the association's concil passed a motion

borrowed heavily to cover the gap and were now faced with finding ways of recouping the

previous three years and the school and home agreed. Such a measure, he thought, would bring realism back to educa-On January 12 a conference in London of the National Council for Educational Stand-

Dr Boyson

maps out

discipline

From Arthur Osman

Birmingham

road back to

Dr Rhodes Boyson fired off characteristic broadsides at many aspects of contemporary education yesterday when he advocated at a conference of the National Association of Schoolmasters in Birmingham for minimum.

for minimum standard national examinations for all children

at the ages of seven, 11 and 14.

He said he felt that a return

of discipline in schools would happen only when teachers and heads again knew what their

schools were for; the three Rs,

the passing on of culture, pre-paration for outside work and the development of individual

Dr Boyson, Conservative MP

for Brent, North, and former head of Highbury Grove Com-prehensive School, London, said: "It could be that this will have the said the said this

will happen only when we have new national examp at these

ages. A reduction of the school-leaving age to 14 or 15 with a minimum standard examination for them to pass before they left would both raise standards and free schools of sets of disillusioned agitators, the simply want to join the

who simply want to join the world outside."

Pupils would be allowed to leave if they passed the test,

had a job to go to, had a 90 per cent attendance record over the

tection rackets. It was the "dumb insolence" and "lesson resistance" that, without violence, prevented teaching and broke the will of

ratios got smaller.

There were, particularly in cities, cells of neo-Troskyist, new-left teachers who wanted to use schools to destroy our way of life, Dr Boyson said. Unless these "destroyers and

The National Association of Schoolmasters was right to state that unless recalcitrant pupils were put out of school staff rould refuse to teach them. Indecision must end and the

# four of the last five years. Ceremony to inaugurate hallmarking of platinum





The metal was probably discovered by Julius Caesar Scaliger, the Italian-French physician, in 1577: he reported finding an unknown refractory metal between Darien and

The first piece to be assayed will be the platinum medal awarded by the Institute of Metals to Professor Robert

# Mr Callaghan will find a mood in Africa which leaves Britain on sidelines in Rhodesia settlement

rom Michael Knipe usaka, Dec 30

l A restrained welcome awaits Ir Callaghan, the Foreign cretary, when he arrives to-Sorrow to begin his six-country drican visit.

He comes at a crucial coment in the affairs of southin Africa with the glimmering black-white détente hinged the outcome of the renewed forts to resolve the Rhode in problem. But all those in Alved in this exercise—the ambians, South Africans and hite and black Rhodesian aders—have been at pains to dicare that the British Govamment has no role to play and rerefore the visit of the British oreign Secretary is of no more ten peripheral importance. A rodesian settlement is now garded as an African matter. itain will be required merely

dronically, the last time a itish Foreign Secretary sited Lusalia, in 1973, he ceived a hostile reception, th Britain accused of aban-ning its responsibility for olesia by suggesting that it Be for black and white of lesians themselves to find

err Alec Douglas-Home was d cien Secretary at the time d his visit occurred a year ter the Pearce Commission's diugs had aborted Sir Alec's 71 settlement proposals. The British Government was

acized for not withdrawing e 1971 proposals. Zambia anted Britain to convene a nstitutional conference with, without, the Rhodesian Govnment taking part.

Nairobi, Dec 30.-A constitu-

onal conference between the

ngolan liberation movements id Portugal on the indepen-ince of the territory will be

eld in Mombasa this week, it as learnt from diplomatic

The conference will be under

cut confirmation of the report

eeting would be held at State

ouse. Mombasa, where Presi-

ent Kenyatta is at present on

On Saturday it was reported

anuary 10. The Kenya sources

ad no explanation as to why fortunes to

at the sources said that the

surces in Kenya today.

**Angola talks** 

o be held in

**Vlombasa** 

This time Zambia sees no accompanied This seems to be the one thing all sides in southern Africa are

agreed upon. Mr Smith, the Rhodesian leader, and Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, are relying on President Kaunda of Zambia to exert a moderating influence on the Rhodesian African leaders; black African leaders are expecting Mr Vorster to apply similar pres-sure on Mr Smith.

In spite of this discounting of the importance of Mr Callaghan's visit, the impression persists that it may prove of greater significance than any of the parties involved has implied. There is a strong belief here that Rhodesia's African leaders may fly to Lusaka for discussions with Mr Callaghan.
The prospect also persists—if more remotely—of a meeting Verson Mwaanga, the Zambi between Mr Callaghan and one legitimize Rhodesian indepen- or other of the two white ence when, and if, a settlement prime ministers. Mr Vorster or Mr Smith, or both of them.

According to Rhodesian sources, the purpose of any meeting between Mr Callaghan and the Rhodesian political leaders would be to enable him to assess whether the black and white leaders were ready for constructive constitutional discussions. From the point of view of the Rhodesian sides, it could be useful to lay their case before an interested third party to remove the danger of the adversary later distorting that position.

News of Mr Callaghan's impending arrival received only

scent attention in today's Zambian paners.

When he arrives tomorrow
Mr Cailaghan is flying immediately to Livingstone where gin somewhere in Rhodesia

Mr Wilbur Mills admitted today that he is an alcoholic,

swore total abstinence and said he would not resign his seat

in the House of Represent-

atives. He was deposed as chairman

tine stripper and his erratic behaviour became a public

Mr Mills was admitted to a

Washington hospital suffering from "extreme exhaustion".

In a statement today he said

"I know that I am a well man

"the fatigue and

te chairmanship of President of the House Ways and Means enyatta and will open on muary 3, the sources said.

There was no official Government of the House Ways and Means enyatta and will open on the his affair with an Argentine stripper and his erratic

om Lusaka, Zambia, that talks as long as I do not drink and, by

ere to open between the three the grace of God and with val Augolan movements— competent medical advice and nita, MPLA and the FNLA— the support of friends, I will

nita, MPLA and the FNLA— the support of friends, I will ad Portugal in Portugal on remain well", he said.

anuary 10. The Kenya sources Mr Mills attributes his mis-

to renue should be switched to pressures built up by years of lombasa and the talks brought dedicated work." He contrared by a week.—Reuter. tinued: "During the past

scandal.

Mr Mills admits alcoholism

From Our Own Correspondent several years, and most espectially in the last year, I had

and refuses to resign

reason for British participation. Audrey, Dr J. Cunningham, his parliamentary private secre-tary, and senior Government officials. After a morning and afternoon at Victoria Falls, the party will return to Lusaka for the start of the official pro-

> According to the British High Commission, Mr Callag-han is visiting Livingstone to relax after his long flight The Zambezi river at Livingstone would certainly be a melodramatic venue for a meeting with Mr Smith but melodramatic events are fashionable in southern Africa at present—as was illustrated by the secret release of Rhodesia's African nationalist detainees for the first round of constitutional

On Thursday Mr Callaghan is due to hold talks with Mr Vernon Mwaanga, the Zambian Foreign Minister, and then fly to Chinsali for discussions with President Kaunda at the Zambian leader's country retreat.
Observers of diplomatic niceties have noted that Dr Kaunda is not interrupting his Christmas and New Year holiday to re-ceive Mr Callaghan at State House in Lusaka, although today he flew back to the capital to attend a funeral.

Our Salisbury Correspondent writes: Constitutional talks be tween the Rhodesian Govern-ment and black nationalist leaders are expected to start by the end of January—but only if the guerrilla activity on Rhodesia's north-eastern bor-ders shows positive signs of

scarcely noticed that my drink ing habits had changed

I now realize, after sev-eral weeks of treatment by the doctors and soul-searching

loped a severe drinking prob-lem, not as a daily drinker but

did not know that this pattern corresponds with what is known as alcoholism."

subject. We will see. He has

lost all influence in the House

and it may be that his con-

stituents in Arkansas want a

new Congressman.

He was reelected last
November (he had an
opponent for the first time in

generation) in spite of the

tidal basin incident" a month

before, when the name Fanne

Foxe, as the stripper was known, first reached the atten-

Mr Mills also says this will

his last statement on the

my own, that I have deve-

a periodic heavy drinker. I

he will spend New Year's Eve, about a fortnight later.



Mr Joba Ehrlichman with his wife Jeanne enter the Washington court yesterday for the trial in which he and four other defendants are facing Watergate cover-up charges.

# Watergate jury ponders its verdict

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 30

The Watergate trial jury were sem away this morning to con-sider their verdict. Judge John Sirica explained the relevant law to them in great detail and urged them to ignore all extra-

neous issues.
The most notable of these is the pardon of former President Nixon. Judge Sirica said that they were not to be influenced by thoughts that it might be unfair to convict the accomplices in a criminal conspiracy when the principal alleged con-spirator escaped scot free. The judge did not follow the

**President Ford** 

Foreign Aid Bill

Vail, Colorado, Dec 30.— President Ford today signed a \$2,690m (£1,170m) Foreign Aid

Bill while voicing concern over restrictions on his flexibility in dealing with America's allies

Mr Ford also vetoed two Bills

He accepted a compromise

under which Congress postponed

a ban on military aid to Turkey from this month until February

Mr Ford said he regretted

that the restriction was imposed

at all because it dealt a blow

to a staunch American ally and

could harm negotiations be-

tween Turkey and Greece for

Cyprus solution.—Reuter.

he said would worsen the eco-

nomic slump and the energy

and other countries.

signs the

English practice of giving a detailed summary of the evidence guiding the jury towards their verdict. Instead, he explained what the law on conspiracy is and urged them to their during as critizens of the on their duries as citizens of the United States.

There are five defendants Mr John Mitchell, former Amorney General and director of the Committee to Reciect the President (Creep); Mr H. R. Haldeman and Mr John Ehrlichman, Mr Nixon's two most senior staff assistants until they resigned in April, 1973: Mr Robert Marcian, most former Assistant Attorney General under Mr Mitcheil, whom he then followed to Creep as deputy director, and Mr Kehneth Parkinson, a Creep lawyer.

There were originally two other defendants. One of them, Mr Charles Colson, another former senior assistant to the

President, came to an agreement with the prosecutors, pleaded guilty to another Watergale charges and sent to prison. The case of Mr Gordon Strachan, formerly an assistant to Mr Haldeman, was separated from that of the others, and he will be tried later.

All five defendants are charged with conspiracy 19 obstruct justice. Mr Mitchell, Mr Ehrlichman and Mr Haide man are also charged on a number of counts of perjury and of making false statements.

The jury have listened to 52 cays of evidence and cross-examination, and today have taken into the jury room with them more than 100 Government exhibits. Of which the most remarkable are tape

# recordings of the various defendants, and others, discussing Watergate in the White House with Mr Nixon. CIA resignations are linked

with disputes over policy Washington, Dec 30.—The three leading officials of the Central Intelligence Agency whose resignations, reported vesterday, remove the entire command of the counter-intelligence division. The chief of the division, Mr. James Angleton,

resigned last week. They are Mr Raymond Roica. aged 57, deputy chief. Mr William Hood, aged 54, and Mr Newton Miler.

The three men today insisted that they have resigned to take advantage of extra retirement benefits available to people who leave Government service before the end of the year.

The agency's mandatory retirement age is 65, though it agency.-AP.

urzes its staff to leave at age 60. Several sources said the resigother than retirement benefits—

allegations of domestic spying by the CIA, and two alleged major policy disagreements with Mr William Colby, the CIA cirector, and higher policy offi-

to be over the interpretation events and intentions in the Soviet block and over Mr Colby's policy of making the agency more open. The men in counter-imelligence were more suspicious of Russian moves toward detente than their of the Russians to resupply superiors and felt Mr Colby's arms has robbed Egypt of its openness had damaged the military capacity

# Five-year-plan for rebuilding of Darwin

From Herbert Mishael

Melbourne, Dec 30
-Mr Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, announced today that a Darwin reconstruction commission would be set up to rebuild the devastated city. It would be estab-lished by statute as soon as the federal Parliament resumed.

A federal Cabinet meeting in

Sydney today decided that two federal ministers would take responsibility for the rebuild-ing. Mr W. G. Hayden, Minis-ter for Social Security, would look after the interests of the people of Darwin, most of whom have been evacuated: Dr Rex Patterson, Minister for Northern Development, would have prime responsibility for the reconstruction commission. This would be composed of representatives of relevant goverament departments, and members of the Northern Territory assembly and Darwin least \$A200m (£117m).

group.

Mr Whitiam said the commission would operate for five

The city would almost cer-rainly be rebuilt on its present

Some semblance of order is returning to Darwin. Wate-and food supplies have been restored, the streets are being cleared of debris and, with fewer people in the city due to the massive evacuation programme, it has become easier for those who remain to set about trying to get the city back in working order.

The death toli has risen to 70 with the finding of bodies in the harbour, where several ships were sunk. Sydney, Dec 30.—The two

best seats in Sydney Opera House are on offer at SAIm (5568,000) for a concert on Saturday in aid of Darwin cy. clone relief.

Melbourne, Dec 30.—The Australian insurance industry faces a payout estimated at at

city council.

The charman of the commission will be Sir Leslie Thiess, Union Assurance Co of Auschairman of Triess Brothers tralia Ltd. said the full extent Pty Ltd, a civil engineering of the payout will not be known until all claims have been processed and relasurance con-tracts sertled. This could take years.—Reuter.

# Why Cairo rejected terms needed for Brezhnev visit

Continued from page 1

Moscow recently initiated urgent diplomacy, aimed at a formal relationship, which would make the Egyptians toe the Russian line, and in rephto an urgent message from Mr Brezhnev, the Egyptian Foreign Minister and War Minister were sent to Moscow.

The Brezhnev visit was projected as the Russian answer to Pax Americana in the Middle East and, in the case of Egypt, to America's triumphant reentry into hitherto Soviet spheres of influence. Egypt has long been the prize for the big powers. After its rift with the Soviets in 1972, it has slowly drifted into the Western camp.

Although Dr Kissinger's initiative has reached an impasse, Egypt has retained its faith in American diplomacy for a Middle East solution. As recently as one week ago, President Sadat said that, while he nations were linked with factors | felt the dangers of another war were great, his hope in the step-by-step approach of the United States had not diminished.

The crux of the Brezhnev doctrine was that Russia was prepared to reshoulder Eg. pt's defence requirements if Ca:ro would toe Moscow's political

Egyptian officials, meieding Marshal Ismail, the late Defence Minister, have maintained that Egypt is in no condition to enter a new war. They have pointed out that the reluctance

However, President Sedat

"The era of the Soviet experts is over once and for all." Fis message was clear. He was willing to accept Soviet meapons for the most sophisticated kind) but not Soviet personnel on Egyptian sell.

The Egyptians are known to have been interested in the MiG23 strike aircraft which the Syrians and the tragis have received. They sist want large quantities of T52 tanks, other suphisticated ground armour and surface-to-air missiles to refurbish their military

In the vects that led up to the proposed Brezhner visit, the Americans were active in secrediplomacy, feeling that a return of the Unissians to the Middle East at this stage would only complicate matters so that the momentum galand by Dr Kissinger could easily be lost. Now that Caire has rejected the Russian elternative, the

Egyptians are confident that the Americans will play the ball that is clearly in their court. Caire. Dec 30.—Egypt and the Soriet Union today called for an early resumption of the Geneva peace conference and said the Foliatine Liberation Organization samuld attend.

A joint communique on the visit to Moscow of Dr Fabrui and General Gamassi said the con-ference was "a suitable place to discuss all matters periality to a settlement in the Middle

It made no mention of the postponament of Mr Brezhnev's tour, and said the talks were canducted in an atmosphere "of

Gen Amin's plea

President Idi Amin of Uganda has addressed a message to the

leaders of the Sovier Union. China and several international

organizations, urging the com-

plete and immediate separation

of Scotland from England.
According to a radio broad-

cast from Kampala, monitored

by Reuter, President Amin said the leaders of a Scottish provi-

sional government had ap-proached him to bring their case before the United Nations

committee on decolonization.

He urged Russia and China to

take action to prevent a war between England and Scotland

Rio de Janeiro, Dec 30.— More than 2,575 people died this year in Sao Paulo and over 300 in Rio de Janeiro

from the meningitis epidemi

sweeping Brazil, according in official figures which take into

account only people who dien in hospital.

30 years' pay—£55

Meningitis toll

for Scotland

# How long will Germany be divided in the North?

On January 21, The Times is publishing a Special Report on North Germany.

What are the people like in the Northern part of West Germany? What is their outlook on life? How do they make their living?

West Germany's North is divided into four Länder: Schleswig-Holstein, Hamburg, Bremen and Lower Saxony. The Federal Government has plans to amalgamate the four Länder. How do the people of the Länder feel about these plans?

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# A Soviet account of the defence in Ukraine trial of Dr Shtern

The following is an abridged version of the second report from the Soviet news agency Novosti on the trial of Dr. Mikhail Shtern which opened in the Ukrainian town of Vinnitsa on December 11. The veracity of this report cannot be checked because Western correspondents have been excluded from the courterest with the courter of the cour

cluded from the courtroom. We publish the report because it indicates how closed Soviet trials are conducted. Dr Shtern, a Jew, has been in prison since May.

From Boris Antonov Vinnitsa, Dec 30

The court in Vinnitsa completed the examination of witnesses (101 people had given evidence) and people had given evidence) and listened to the public procurator's charge. The floor was then taken by the defendant's lawyer, David Axelbant, a member of the Moscow bar of lawyers. Dr Shtern was placing particular hopes on him. It is common knowledge that last summer Mr Axelbant defended Mr Victor Polsky who had run down a man with his car. The experienced advocate then managed to reduce his defendant's punishment to a fine of 100 roubles for careless to a fine of 100 roubles for careless

driving.

The Vinnitsa case, however, is more complicated for the defence counsel. Extensive accusatory material had been presented to the court. As the public procurator, Mr Grigory Krivoruchko, who had spoken before the defender, said spoken before the defender, said charged with were fully confirmed by the witness's evidence before the court and in the materials of It should be said that from the beginning of the trial the main

efforts of Dr Shtern's defence (the

Hopes of a rapprochement

between the 16-month-old regime of General Augusto Pinochet and the opposition

Christian Democrats, once the

This is the outcome of last week's decision by the Supreme Court of Justice to

ratify the junta's expulsion

from the country of one of the

Christian Democratic Party's leading figures. He is former

There have been allegations

Before the senator's expul-

tion, some members on the

that Senor Fuentealba had links with the Movement of the

Senator Renan Fuentealba.

Revolutionary Left (MIR).

political

Santiago, Dec 30.

country's largest

party, have been dashed.

all those who testified against him anti-Semites.

Since Dr Shtern did not plead suffer the land to substantiate and justify his actions, often doing violence to logic and common sense. In Spite of the serious proof of Dr Shtern's guilt, Mr Axelbant said that he was lusisting on acquittel. acquittaL

However, in spite of everything, the defender was forced to admit that Dr Shtern should not have practised medicine privately during his official hours, and although private medical practice is allowed in the Soviet Union (provided it is duly registered), Dr Shtern acted without the knowledge of financial bodies and did not pay taxes. Undoubtedly, it is not for the doctor to sell medicines, said Mr Axelbant. to sell medicines, said Mr Axelbant.

The lawyer caused general surprise when he said that in his view Dr Shtern was not an official person. He said that Dr Shtern differed from rank-and-file doctors only in being responsible for organizing medical services in the polyclimic of the Vinnitsa regional endocrinological dispensary. He did not hire or discharge personnel and did not issue orders. issue orders

In fact, however, the defendant was in charge of the polyclinic. This duty is connected with clear-cut organizational and administrative functions,

'Doing violence to logic'

Now the court is to pronounce its

aimed at a modification of the

Senor Patricio Aylwin, the

president of the Christian Democratic Party, said to me in an exclusive interview:

expelled from Chile in the

same manner as Solzhenitsyn

from Russia-by a mere administrative decision, by

force, without being judged or even being heard.

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reasoning; the government law-

yers have not presented any single proof of supposed

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Pinochet economic policies.

# 17 remanded on subversion In brief charges in Port Said

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, Dec 30
Seventeen people, arrested last week in Port Said, have been remanded in custody on charges of carrying our Sabras charges of carrying our subver-sive activities in the town.

Reports reaching Cairo today about the political affiliations aid that the Port Said prosecutor had accused the 17 of forming an anti-regime group, distributing subversive pamphlets and disseminating harmful cumours.

According to the reports, most of the defendants, are undergraduates. They were transferred to the Zagazig prison, in the Nile delta, as the part Said is it as a transfer of Port Said jail is in a state of disrepair.

A statement issued by the Interior Ministry two days ago, said that the defendants had tried to incite the public against President Sadar's regime on December 22.

They had gathered at the government-run theatre in Port

ment said. There is no

of the defendants. Alleged members of a destine communist organization, including a student and 18 workers, will be tried in Alexandria on March 23 on charges of intending to overthrow the regime by force.
In Cairo, 92 members of a

Muslim organization are facing the Supreme State Security Court on charges of plotting to overthrow President Sadat last April.

This group, said to have been led by Mr Saleh Abdalla Sarriya, an official of the Arab League, attacked the Technical Military Academy in Cairo in April. In the attack 11 people were killed and 27 injured.

# Guerrillas fly out with \$1m

Managua, Dec 30.—Nicara-guan guerrillas today freed two ministers and 11 other hostages and took off for Cuba with about \$1m (£435,000) and 14 comrades freed from govern. ment jails.
They flew accompanied by

two churchmen and two ambasadors who agreed to guarantee their safety.

They arrived at the airport in

an unmarked bus with guns pointing through the windows and then freed their hostages, many still wearing their dinner jackets from the disrupted

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Libertad movement.

They left the hostages in f. ont of the airport terminal and

applause from crowds watching from the terminal building,

drove straight to a Convair air-craft of the national airline Lanica at the end of the runway where their freed comrades were waiting. They took off to cheers and

Havana, Dec 30.-The Nicaraguan aircraft carrying the guerrillas, of the Sandinista

Liberation Front, and their volunteer hostages landed here roday.--Reuter and Agence France Presse.

# Senator's expulsion worsens divisions in Chile

party's right who approved of lous accusation. And the laws think of his country instead of collaboration with the Government, had initiated talks with manifestly diminish the attri-Sources close to the Government say it is now possible that, since it seems some politicians cannot refrain from promoting political activities, the junta will soon be forced

of the junta's lawyers, Senor Pablo Rodriguez, former head of the nationalist Patria y political parties illegal. On the economic front, Chile faces a second year of rescampaign tricted consumption and spendagainst Chile is based on in-sults, economic blockade and ing. The country will receive some £400m less than expected even the possibility of a terrias the result of the low world price for its main export, cop-per. The metal provides Chile torial invasion through Peru instigated by Russia", he said. This obliges us to demand patriotic behaviour from all Chileans and even more so

to declare all the Democratic

with almost 80 per cent of its patriotic behaviour from all foreign exchange earnings.

Chileans and even more so The expected deepening of from a former senator who should have a much greater get will be partly offset by an expected of responsibility.

# Tokyo, Dec 30.—Mr Terno Nakamura, a private in the Japanese Imperial Army who

hid alone in the Indonesian jungle for 30 years, has been awarded his full backpay of 38,279 Yen (£55). Until 11 days ago he did not know the war

### Arrows kill pacifiers Rio de Janeiro, Dec 30.-

Atraori Indians attacked an observation post in the northern Brazilian state of Roraima kill-ing three men with bows and arrows and capturing another. The men were on a pacification mission for the Brazilian Indian Foundation.

## Youth cuts off arm

Johannesburg, Dec 30.--A young African, Asaram Phiri, cut off his right arm at the elbow to escape from a crocodile which had it firmly in its jaws. He is now recovering in the Shongwe Swedish mission hospital in Transvaal.

## Mir Heath flies out

Mr Heath left Heathrow Airport yesterday for the West Indies. He will spend four days in the Bahamas and then make a three-day official visit to

# Cape Verde transfer

Lisbon, Dec 50,-Portugal today transferred its power over the Cape Verde Islands to a transitional government REPUTABLE MARKETING COM tent with unear operation, recutives, sains admin working director interested in equity particulation in allowing Bank Continue in 10,000 — Bank Con

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

COPONATION SYNDICATE LTD (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
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4. To consider and, if thought fit to past the following resolution as an ordinary resolution namely capital of the control of the directors who are authorised, subject to section 222 of the Companies Act. 1975. To issue and allot those shares to such person or persons, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may in their entire discounting the consider and. If deemed fit, pass, with or without modification the following resolution as a special resolution in terms of the Companies Act, naturely:

"That article "5 132 and the of the articles of association of the company is hereby deleted and the following relice is substituted thereto. following article is substituted therefor:

15. The directors shall be paid out of the funds of the company, by way of remuneration for their services at the rate of three thousand five hundred rand 183 300; per annum each, and the chaliman hall, in addition to his remuneration as a director, be paid a further sum at the rate of one thousand five hundred rand (R) 500; per annum, and (R) 500; per annum, the remuneration payable shall accrue from day to day and shall be paid quarterly at the end of each quarter.

The company's register of members will be closed from 17th Janupaid quartery at the end of each quarter.

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By Order of the Roard.

LONRING SOUTH AFRICA Ltd.,

Secretaries per K. P. Wilkinson, F.C.L.S.

Registered Office.

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4. To consider and, if thought fit, to unsuler and, if thought fit, to unsuler and, if thought fit, to its the following resolution as an ordinary resolution, namely:

"That the unissued shares in the rapidal of the company are hereby placed under the contrat of the directors who are authorised, submitted those shares to such person or persons, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may in their entire discretion determine."

5. To consider and, if deemed fit, pass, with or without modification, the following resolution as a special resolution in terms of the Companies and the articles of association of the company is hereby deleted and the following article is substituted therefor. following article is substituted therefor;—article is substituted therefor;—article is substituted therefor;—article is substituted to the funds of the company, by way of remumeration for their services at the rate of Three thousand five hundred Rand (R3,500) per annum each, and the chairman shall, in addition to his remumeration as a director, be paid a further sum at the rate of One thousand five hundred Rand (R1,500) per annum. The remumeration payable shall acture from day 10 day and shall be paid quarterly at the end of each quarter. The company's register of members will be classed from 17th Januers.

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Secretaries per K. P. Wittinson. F.C.I.S.

Registered Office: 10th Floor.

Trust Bank Centre, corner Eloff and
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17th December, 1974.

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3. G WARBURG & CO. LTD., announce that interest for the period 1st January. 1974 to 31st December, 1974 for the 1965 Issue will be payable from 2nd January. 1975, at the rate of 6½ or per annum against presentation of Coupon No. 10.

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Cochran used to say that you can give the audience three minutes of spectacle and then you've got to start to entertain them. I expect to get a round of applause for the dress each of applause for the dress each time my star comes on, not just at the first entry. That's 14 dresses in the current show, each one's got to stand up to being put on and off 400 times in a year and often they're quick, quick changes . . . then 'he shows always run (thank goodness!) which makes it hard to do anything too high fashion—things date so fast." —things date so fast."

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Inquisitive about trade secrets, admiring of professionalism, impressed by design to a discipline, I am talking to Mark Canter about the dresses he makes for one of the most lavishly gotten-up performers in London. In front of us is a sketch of a magnificent black chiffon ball gown with a glittering embroidered bodice and a floating scarf anchored by a whopping black rose. The star wants to wear black for a TV show. Fine, Mark Canter has said, but remembering that black can go very dead on the small screen he has set out to make a black dress with a difference. To start with, the skirt which uses un sixty yards of high quality chiffon is only solid black on the surface. Below, it shades off to grey and the bottom layer of all is brilliant shocking pink, so that in the song and dance numbers you will get a mar-vellous flash of contrast. Then, even on a black and white screen you can liven up a chic dress with some clever beading; invisible except when the skirts fly, there are teeny jet beads all round the hem of the top skirt which just catch the light from time to time. The whole bodice

is encrusted with jet beads. Knowing how hard it is to get embroidery done in London and the prohibitive cost of it, I ask where all this sort of work is done. Mr Canter gives me a little look, decides presumably that I am sympathetic and tells me that he does quite a lot of it himself. " As a matter of fact, I rather like doing it. I find it very relaxing, and I can sit and talk, or watch the TV while I'm

working."

I had already observed that the star never has to touch the clothes once they are on. However elaborate or apparently casual the scarves and drapes and swooshes of chiffon, they are always in the right place and with none of that tweaking and fluffing up and parting down tells me, by tremendous attention to detail and by the most cunning workmanship. The chif-lic. He has taken a long while tells me, by tremendous attenfon scarf, so negligent, is in fact interlined on the neck bit with the finest of stiffeners; the rose is strategically placed to lead the trailing ends in the right direc-tion. On a luscious pink velvet sheath with a neckline that must have cost Mr Canter a good many evenings by the fireside there is a stole draped around the shoulders which falls in pink fox trimmed ends. No way can those ends fall wrongly, even though the star be hoisted on the lusty shoulders of the chorus. But in the final analysis I am not sure whether I more admire Mr Canter's work be-cause it is not all made of gold-sprayed chicken wire and held together with Uhu but is in the hands as covetable as I found the Palliser costumes done by Raymond Hughes, or because he is designing all this feminine glory for a man, Danny La Rue. Now this is not the place to

enter an attack on or a defence women can enjoy him saying of female impersonators, a sub-ject on which I am in any case from their own sex. Then, of



Original sketches of three stage costumes designed by Mark Capter. Above: Black chiffon evening dress with underskirts of grey and finally shocking pink. The hem is outlined in tiny jet beads and bodice entirely embroidered with beads. A scarf of chiffon is pinned with a black rose.

largely ignorant. Much of what course, although he is the ulti- you see", Mr Canter says. He much more importantly, cruelly anti-women, a perpetuation of a horrible streak in some societies. Because of the latitude of cur-rent thinking, "drag" acts have become a regular feature of pub entertainment and many other media. They vary in quality, as do most human performances. But I suggest that to put Danny La Rue in with this sleazy galère is to do him a great

injustice. that so many women indulge in. He has, as he pointed out the this is achieved. Mr. Canter, other night on television, been to get to the top and he has got there by application and skill. But at the top of one branch of the Thespian tree he undoubtedly is now, perched on the stout log of family enter-tainment and showing no signs of being found on his back, claws up, tomorrow. Having begun by wanting to know how his truly magnificent wardrobe was designed, I found myself intrigued by his appeal to a public which much disapproves of the more louche interpreters of his art, female impersonation. One shrewd comment about his attraction is, I think, the thought that though men have often a rubicund and even bawdy sense of humour and enjoy a broad, as opposed to a snide, joke, modern convention condemns the expression of such fun in women. Danny La Rue's jokes are broad, and are obvious, but because he is a man dressed up as a woman,

> Claret velvet dress with cuffs and bem of fox and jet beading on the bodice and

> > sleeves.

I have seen has struck me as mate in gorgeous wigs and modestly suggests that his skill seedy, crude if not lewd and make-up and dress, women in rests in knowing how to redress the audience cannot view him jealously. They love his clothes—when he sang a song including a joke about what he was wearing coming from C and A he got lots of letters from fans puzzled (not cross) because they had been to C and A and not been able to find that same gown (La Rue's probably cost £600).

Things were not always so lush. Mark Canter has known

Danny La Rue a long time, and in the early days in pantomime there was no money for a band of diamonds on the hem to set off black ostrich feathers or a border of fox. The principles of dressing a man as a woman were the same, though. Danny La Rue is 5ft 11in, with a size 61 foot which takes fashion shoes easily (he and Mr Canter feel specially made shoes always look wrong); neat, slim hands, with cared for nails; a retrousse nose, which is always thought to have been bobbed, but which he says is the genuine article and got him called "pug" at an early age, and spectacular blue eyes. His figure is classic male—lean hips and broader shoulders. legs are better than most women's. On to this shape Mark

women's. On to this shape Mark Canter grafts the impression of a hyper-glamorous female, curvy ("luckily busts aren't smart now"); svelte ("they're not really so naked, you know—it's all illusion of flesh"); modern ("We have to cover the collar bone always; it's masculine, and the upper arms, but you never tooling it's himself. but you never realize it's being done"). "You see what you think

the figure balance by cutting the sleeves in and by "being able to concentrate entirely on what people are going to notice, cutting out all the background extraneous stuff ".

Prudence

But having tried to explain why Danny La Rue is a hir with the ladies of the audience, I must try to pinpoint why he gets the whole family to his shows. I think it is because he is, off stage, not in the least camp. His voice, an attractive baritone, is the same as he uses in his impersonations; his face looks capable of hair (indeed Mark Canter told me that La Rue came to a fitting for one costume in a beard grown to give his complexion, "which gets an awful knocking about ". a rest). He is smartly but not outrageously dressed in private life, and when he shows you his dresses it is obvious that he regards them as valuable props, like Chipperfields might an elephant. I had been preparedfor limp wrists and a desire to play Hamlet. The wrists are firm, and the desire if any is to play Sheridan.

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While women laugh at the jokes and dream of a claret velvet frock trimmed a foot deep in fox, the men. I am convinced, see Danny of the results of the convinced see Danny of the Convinced see Da classic tradition of the pantomime dame, and Charley's Aunt. I asked him if he ever felt the audience uneasy when he came on. "Sometimes", he said. "Then I make my first crack, come right out with it, loud. and I can feel them relax and I know they're saving to them selves, Oh, its all right, it's orst,

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Uncle Fred dressed up."

with stars. The by and hem are lobject with black ostrich feathers which are underlaid with bands of diamente. The coat, in fact, fastens at the back with a zip. but when the front swings open it reveals a separate black velvet skict which is attached to the coat at the waist.



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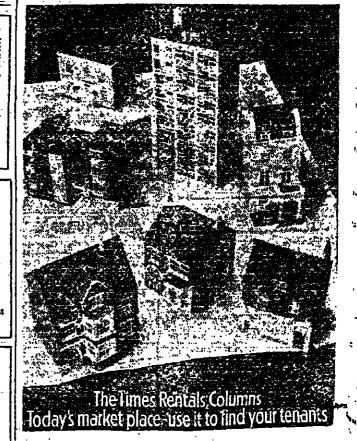
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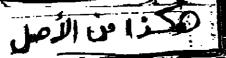
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# Visconti's family inferno

fourteenth feature film. It is serious illness and was directed by Visconti from a wheelchair. In Conversation Piece a retired professor attempts a realignment of values in order to stay with the world. Both these goodwill endeavours are doomed: Burt Lancaster, in the drama-tized version, dies disappointed, and Visconti, no doubt, will be pilloried by disappointed critics. As a former communist and current sympathiser, positions are expected of him which he refuses to assume. Conversation Piece depicts Italian society in its decadence, but takes no sides, except on a purely human level. Practically every character in the film is both scum and victim; the shells peel off as we descend to the hell in those souls in our function as voyeurs.

In a political climate where Marxism is the intellect's last utopian refuge, the objectivity of this approach is tantamount

to treachery.

A retired intellectual lives alone, collecting "conversation piece" family paintings. His solitude is invaded by a family"

ménage-à-quatre composed of mother, daughter, daughter's fiancé and mother's lover, who rent space above him and there tempting to compare Visconti's mother, daughter's own life to that of its protagonist in the pattern of rent space above him and there retreat from social contact that indulge in variously mixed characterizes both. The film was sexual and social encounters. made on the rebound from a Despite his better judgment, compassion and loneliness in-volve him in their scramblings, but neither the superficial poetry of the young girl's easy sex nor the pretence of Mittel-European dilettantism of the mother's lover succeeds in truly the ascending generation, and attracting him. He fights against self-abasement but to terms with the sadness they realizes that his straggling inspire. He does not juxtapose. attempt at engagement in the present can no more free him of the feeling of uselessness that engulfs him than his prior escape into the past. Sensitivity and humanism are qualities rated low in today's social

> As a concentrated introduction to the problems of today's Italy Conversation Piece is especially useful. Social, political, psychological, industrial, interpersonal and economic aspects of the current crisis are reflected in the central situa-tion of the film, which is the conflict of the generations. But it would be wrong to consider it important as a symptom of Italian society alone; in fact Visconti's fatalistic prognosis

love and hate one another without finding, or even seeking, real contact. Situating this morass of homosexuality, group love, drugs, criminality, corruption and suicide in an Italian context is incidental. It could be asserberg could be anywhere.

And yet one does not walk away from this work with a feel-

ing of defeat. It is clear that, like his protagonist, Visconti is both repelled and attracted by to terms with the sadness they inspire. He does not juxtapose, nor try condescendingly to understand. Here is a man at the end of his life who finds that everything he has believed in means nothing to those who follow. Just as his films have been criticized for a lack of concern for the answers society is seeking, so his professor finds no answers for his own ailing. One feels that a film about loneliness has hardly ever been made by a similarly

Helmut Berger, somewhat incongruously, plays a student who in 1968 failed to latch on to faith; Claudia Marsani and Stefano Patrizi are the young couple, both poorly played and useful, primarily, as symbols;

lonely man.

ficently struts the part of the raucous mother, steamrolling the zoo in her wake, brashly crossing all civil and moral borders without fear or con-cern except for herself. It takes both courage and ability for an actress to play so un-grateful a part so well. But towering above all these, in the central, biographical part, is Burt Lancaster, who seems to have found his Quaker vein in rejecting the world without hating it. In fact, the message that the film seems to carry concerning the state of the world is that in order to contique not hating it, one practically has to reject it. It is the peace that comes to the professor on his deathbed with

this realization that keeps the spectator from feeling defeated. Because it is this realization that keeps him from feeling the guilt that the film avoids attributing: this realization which says so clearly that the indivi-dual, despite all political or personal illusion, has very little sway over his social fate, and that he has none over the future

of the civilized world.

For a film which is basically a play, inasmuch as it takes place in a single location and depends largely on dialogue, Visconti has succeeded in creating a style admirably suited to

and ochres and elaborate turnof-the-century decor, paying minute attention to details, both decorative and aural, and by delicately restraining the acting of the principals, he has under-lined the claustrophobia and loneliness, and the hesitant steps, alas disastrous, to escape both. Burt Lancaster, who plays much the same part here as he did in The Leopard and as he is now doing again, for Berto-lucci, in 1900, is directed so meticulously that one clearly feels that identification of actor and character so rare in

Gideon Bachmann

cinema.

"The old", Visconti says,
"may well try to understand
the young and to love them, but the gap between the generations cannot really be bridged. All I want to do with this film is show their relationship in all its sadness. I try to show the world the way it is. The old are either removed from it or have gone back to fascism. The young are corrupt or are exposed to corruption at every step. At the same time they are beautiful and attractive, and their corruption is not a conscious one. Life is short; one must live it without shame. It may end in a few minutes." He quotes Auden, as he does in

the film. Because this is a film about impotence. Not an in-

Theatre Four. New York

**Pretzels** 

Clive Barnes

Whatever happened to revues? Were they eaten by television one dark night, or did the public just forget about them and let them starve from neglect?

In any event, it is a pleasure to welcome a member of that obviously endangered species, the revue, to Theatre Four on West 55th Street.

It is small, modest, yet chic. There are just four per-formers, including the pianist, and the decor consists merely of a handsomely grand plano and a bizarrely attractive fur-niture group, designed by Stuart Wurzel, that is subject to protean changes capable of making it an employment office one moment and a living

room the next.

If the show has a certain inbred as well as well-bred air, it is easy to see why. The music and lyrics are by the pianist John Forster, who also takes part in a couple of sketches, and the show has been written by two of the other performers, Jane Currin and Judy Kahan, together with Fred Grandy. The cast is com-

pleted by Timothy Jerome.

The theme of Pretzels is mild urban disillusion. The tone is gentle and never barbed with satire, so that the harshest notes heard are ones of wry irony and soft regrets. The show is at its best in dealing with assorted oddities: the pretentious young man who lives in Greenwich Village and tries to pick up girls at cock-tail parties with talk of Ingmar Bergman and tapestries at the Metropolitan, the Doctor of Anthropology who works, for experience, as a coffee waitress but will gleefully discuss the sexual habits of a little-known South Pacific tribe, or even the suburban housewife who, tried of pregaring dinner for tired of preparing dinner for people she does not know and will not like, decides that all she wants to do is sing and

dance. The performers are among the evening's assets. The blonde Miss Curtin showed just the kind of range one hopes for in a revue performer, moving easily from a snob cosmetics body to a Ninth Avenue harridan. Miss Kahan was equally versatile and spon-

uneous. Bright, bland and blithe, Pretzels offers more in the way of pointed mimickry than genuine observation. Yet it should prove a pleasant enough way to pass two bours either after dinner or before supper.—New York Times News Service.

# Brancusi at home

market.

Many of the works by which Brancusi is best known, like Mile Pogany, Steeping Muse, the almost completely abstract ovoid, Beginning of the World and the many versions of Bird in Space, have always struck me as precious and stylized generalizations of form which come perilously close to kitsch or sentimentality. On the other hand I have always admired The Kiss, an early work of which Brancusi made many variations, a sculpture both comic and erotic. And the hefty bewn chunks, of wood and stone, and the rough furniture which Brancusi made for his studio (now reconstructed in the Musée d'Art Moderne in Paris), seemed more sympathetic than the smoothly polished and facile sculptures in bronze and stone for which they, or similar hewn bunks of wood or stone, often formed the bases or pedestals.

I had long been fascinated by photographs of the series of large sculptures Brancusi made in the late Thirties for the little rown of Tirgu-Jiu near his birthplace in Romania, which seemed to develop these ideas on a monumental scale. A recent visit to Tirgu-Jiu confirmed this. Brancusi's works there are the most successful monumental or "environmental" sculptures of recent times. They are impressive by any standard and are undoubtedly Brancusi's finest works. They are those on which his claim to be a great modern

sculptor must rest. Brancusi's works—his abstracted heads, birds and animals—look, in the birds and animals—look, in the light of the sculptures at Tirgu-Jiu, like a dead end, a false direction. One suspects that it was the demands of collectors and of the Parisian art world where Brancusi passed most of his working life that led him to spend so much time on these precious, object-like sculptures and to confine his most fruitful ideas to bases and pedestals. Although he had and pedestals. Although he had made early versions of the Endless Column before 1920 (the most important being one for the garden of the photogra-pher Edward Steichen, then living in Paris) the full realizarion of his best ideas only came with the commission, when Brancusi was 60, to produce a series of monumental works in

his native country. The sculptures were ori-



The Table of Silence available covered only the materials and Brancusi was not paid. The works were carried out to his design by craftsmen and technicians. On the Endless Column he had the assistance of a structural engineer.

There are four main "monu-

ments" at Tirgu-Jiu. They are all placed on an axis which runs right through the small town, either as road, or path, although the works themselves are on the outskirts, two on either side. The first is the Dacian Table, sometimes known as The Table of Silence It is as The Table of Silence. It is about seven feet in diameter and consists of two buge stone discs, the lower disc or pedestal a few inches less in diameter. It is surrounded by 12 seats which are two half spheres of stone (actually slightly over half) cemented together to form an hour-glass or eggcup shape thick and or egg-cup shape, thick and stocky. When I saw the table and seats it was pouring with rain, but I was told that the inhabitants of Tirgu-Jiu sometimes use them for picnics. The seats are placed in a circle round the table some feet from it, so that you would have to put your food on the table and keep on getting up to go to it, like a cold buffet. Presumably the symbolism of 12 seats is intentional: a setting for on all fractor Last Supting for an alfresco Last Sup-per. The table and chairs are at the edge of a small wooded

A wide pathway flanked by and elusive, like a mirage, or bestnut trees leads through a stick seen distorted under the park to *The Gate of the* water. Finally the road opens chestnut trees leads through the park to The Gate of the Kiss. Beneath the chestnut trees along the path are lines of seats, 15 on each side, grouped in threes, which are squared off" versions of the seats round the table. The Gate is over 17ft high, 21ft wide and 6ft in thickness. Despite its huge size it is not oppressive as one

passes under or around it. It is an abstracted monumental version of the early sculpture The Kiss. The two clasping figures joined in the block have become the round yoni-like forms which are deeply carved into the four faces of the huge columns which support the massive lintel. The stone, like that of the table and seats is a local stone. table and seats, is a local stone pitted and visually "soft " in surface, although it is in reality quite hard. Its tone, texture and warm colour contribute a good deal to the sympa-theric quality of the sculptures.

To reach the Endless Column one has to cross the road which flanks the park and go straight down the street which forms, as it were, a continu-ation of the path from table to gate. This takes one through the centre of the town, past the modern hotel, crossing the main shopping street and out towards the southern outskirts and across the main railway ginally commissioned as a park separated from the wide, and across the main railway memorial to the heroic resist-shallow, fast-moving River Jiu line. The Column can now be ance of the town in the First only by an asphalted path and seen quite clearly in the mid-world War. The money made a few trees on the river bank. dle distance, curiously unreal

out into a rather scruffy area of common land, a duck pond to the left. The place where the Column stands is laid out fairly formally with hedges and gravel paths, but in practice it is like a large village green with low, nondescript buildings round its edge. The first time I saw the

Column, arriving at dusk, a boy was rounding up several skinny cows, whistling to them con-stantly. The Column has devestanty. The Column has developed a seven degree list from the vertical, and if anything this adds to the sense of continual repetition, a ladder into the infinite. The shape of the identical elements gives the column a slight, but not obtrusive optical throb which helps to dematerialize it. Only when to dematerialise it. Only when close to do you realize the sheer weight and size of it. (It is nearly 100ft high.)

A hundred yards or so tarther on along what is now (as between table and gate) a path through a public space, flanked with half grown chestout saplings, is the final monument, a mass of stone, very strike to the table although similar to the table, although slightly smaller in diameter and without the seats. It is near the perimeter of the open space, and one senses the town trailing off rather bleakly into the plain on either side. It forms an effective and rather self-effacing "full-stop". echoing the table but with quite a different symbolism.

Richmond clubs have

tenancy problem

Rugby Union

Rugby Correspondent

knockout competition

seasons ago, have been drawn

away in the second round to

Moseley, whom they beat 17-6

in the 1972 final. Coventry, the

winners in 1973 and 1974, are away to Blackheath. Gosforth,

who won at Northampton in the

first round last Saturday, and who

for another match with Coventry. Presumably this would give them first option on it for the knock-

out competition—providing Ros-slyn Park could agree to the date. There should be no difficulty for

the Park. They are due to visit Sale for a friendly on that day, but Sale now have a knockout engage-

ment at Bedford.
It is possible that Richmond

might suggest playing Morley on Sunday, February 9, but Morley have a hard game agairst Orrely on the 8th and, even if they were

Cricket



The end of Lloyd's innings—caught and bowled by Mallett for 44.

# Alternations of ecstasy and despair

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

Cricket Correspondent
Melbourne, Dec 30
Never did ecstasy and despair
follow more closely upon each
other on the cricket field than in
the third Test match here today.
At Innchtime, after a morning
in which Austrolia's bowlers were
put to flight, England were 120
for one wicket. By the end of the
first over after tea they were 182
for eight. That despair was replaced finally by hope was due to
a gallant innings by Greig. Thanks
to him, Amiss, Lloyd and Willis,
Australia were left needing 246
to win.

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We may need a strong nerve tomorrow. As I write this, drained by the changing fortunes of today, there is a doubt whether or not Titmus will be able to bowl. He was hit on the inside of the knee by Thomson, while batting, and was not in the field for the to bowl this evening. If Bernard one over which England had time to bowl this evening. If Bernard Thomas can get Timus right for the morning, and the luck goes England's way, and they hold their catches, and Australia start to worry, it will be close. Richie Benaud thinks it is a shade of odds in England's favour. With another 30 runs in the bank I would agree. As it is, and even with Timus fit to bowl, I see it just the other way.

To win, Australia need the largest total of the match, if only by a couple of runs. The pitch had lost its greenness today, which means that it has lost much of its lift. Only Cowdrey was out to a ball which lifted. The ball is keeping low, though, more often than it did before the weekend, than it did before the weekend, and the odd one turns. Targets such as Australia's tomorrow are self as Australa's tomorrow are seldom easily reached in Melbourne on the fifth day. It is touch and go, and upon the result hangs the whole future of the series. An English win would mean a series revived, defeat a series lost.

Greig's innings was as good as Amiss's, and Amiss was superb. Without either of them England would already be doomed. The opening partnership of 115, with Lloyd a staunch companion to Amiss, provided a wonderful re-lease from the confinement of recent weeks. By Amiss, if not quite by Lloyd, the Australian attack was made to appear almost commonplace. Not even on his great tour to the West Indies did Amiss ever play better than this. As for Greig, his 60 was as impor-tant in saving England's innings as Amiss's 90 was in launching it. The morning then, and the even ing, belonged to England. As for the afternoon, it was a total disaster. With four more wickets, three

of them at a vital time, Thomson was again the chief destroyer, helped this time not so much by Lillee as by Mallett. The score when Mallett first came on with his off breaks was 90 for no wicket, Thomson having been hit for 51 in seven overs. When he came off it was 194 for eight. In 20 overs he had taken four for 49. This should be of some encouragement to Titmus, and to Greig, too, for that matter, for when he bowls his off breaks. I never think Mallett is much rated in his own country as a bowler, but he had a lot to do today with bowling England out when they seemed set on a pros-

In the day's first over Thomson bowled one wide, three bouncers and five balls that were short without being bouncers. One of these was square cut for four by Amiss. At the first ball of the second over. bowled by Lillee, Amiss aimed a wild drive and missed. Little did we think at the time how crucial a piece of luck this was to be.

Soon Amiss was spreading his powerful wings. Four overthrows from a return by Ross Edwards, in Thomson's second over, helped him on his way. When he edged Lillee just wide of third slip the two of them came face to face in the middle of the pitch, with Lillee snarling at Amiss. I had better not repeat what he said.

This was the start of a passage not repeat what he said.

This was the start of a passage which ended with the umpires talking to Ian Chappell about the language of his side. When Lloyd was beaten by Thomson for the second time in an over some further blasphemy broke the silence—if Melbourne is ever silent—and umpire Bailache took Chappell aside. The Australians were rattled, and, until Lloyd was out, they stayed that way. Lloyd's determination was rewarded today by an ample share of luck. He also

by an ample share of luck. He also played some good strokes.
England reached 50 in the tenth
over, and 100 in the eighteenth,
with Amiss 64 and Lloyd 36. These
two had added 115 in 110 minutes when Lloyd, going down the wicket to Mallett, was canght and bowled. The rate of scoring was made the more remarkable by the length and slowness of the outfield. One cover drive by Amiss off Walker, off the middle of the bat, would have been worth four on any Test ground in the world other than Melbourne. At Headingley in a hot summer England's 119 for two this morning would have been more like 180. The transformation from the

The transformation from the sheer delight of the morning to the unter depression of the afternoon was not long in coming. Denness, I thought, made a mistake in sending Cowdrey in when Lloyd was out. Cowdrey. I had hoped, would be kept to shore things up later on, should it be necessary, while Greig was sent out to keep up the attack. Cowdrey and Edrich both need time to build an innings. Today, feeling themselves not to have it, they both got out looking for runs, Cowdrey to one of the nastier balls of the day. That was at 134. Brought on in place of Lillee, 40 minutes into the afternoon, Thomson then took the wickets of Edrich, Denness and Knott for nine runs in four overs. it for mine runs in fo Edrich was caught at the wicket, trying to run him down to third man. Denness was out to another of his wafts outside the off stump, and Knott was caught by Marsh diving across in front of first slip. This may mean the end of Denness as a batsman in this series. His

as a bashan in this series. Its six Test innings here have brought him only 65 runs.

By this time we were down to Amiss and Greig. When the day began Amiss needed 93 runs, in this his twenty-second and last Test innings of 1974, to have made more anyone has ever done. In 1964
Bobby Simpson made 1,381 from 26 innings at an average of 60.
Amiss's average, when he was out this afternoon three runs short of the record was 60 and he had

Amiss's average, when he was out this afternoon three runs short of the record, was 69, and he had batted in a way to show why. His 69 this morning were as commandingly made as if they had come from Hammond or Dexter or May or Richards. In the over before he was out only a wonderful stop by Ross Edwards in the covers, from a square cut off Thomson, saved a certain boundary. A minute or two later Amiss drove Mallett gently to mid-on. When knott was out England were 165 for six. There was half an hour left before tea, in which time Titmus hung on like a limpet and took a painful crack on the inside of his right knee from a shortish ball from Thomson. Thomson. Thomson this playing no stroke, had only himself to blame. Greig, meanwhile, was counting danger. Upon him rested England's last hopes of leaving Australia's batsmen with enough to cause them more

than passing concern tomorrow. He lost Timus to the second ball after tea, an off break from Maßett which scarcely left the ground. In the same over Underwood was caught at slip.

With a drive over long-off for six off Mallett, Greig announced that all was not over. This was a stupendous hit. I can remember Dexter driving Veivers straight for six here, a low one-iron shot that was still rising when it cleared the sightscreen, but this, I think, was a rarer struke of Greig's.

At 231 for eight, by when Greig and Willis had added 49, the new ball was taken, which produced

and Willis had added 49, the new ball was taken, which produced two of the finest pieces of cricket of the day—a pair of cracking off drives by Greig, both saved by Ross Edwards at deep mid-off, one diving to his right, the next to his left, like a wing three-quarter hurling himself at the line. Greig had reached 50 by now, acknowledging it with a provocative wave of his cap to those who either love or hate him in the crescent of the southern stand. An on drive for four by Greig off on drive for four by Greig off Lillee was another fine stroke. This was not batting so much as ins was not batting so much as inspiration. But with a blinding catch in the gully off a full-blooded cut it ended.

Upon being joined by Hendrick, who had Lloyd running for him, Willis took two huge swings at Thomson, the first of which went for four and the second of which

Thomson, the first of which went for four and the second of which allowed him to be bowied. For 100 minutes Willis had done an indispensable job, as indispensable as Lloyd's this morning. England's innings began and ended with a warning about short-pitched bowling. The first came from umpire Brooks to Thomson, when he bowled three early bouncers in quick succession. The others were this evening when the Australian captain was told twice by Brooks that he would not tolerate that he would not tolerate bouncers being bowled at the tellenders. At last, and not a moment too soon, a line seems to be being taken. Chappell did not care for it. But one more bouncar from Lillee to either Hendrick or Willis could well have had Lillee compulsorily removed. This may be war-but it is meant to be

game of cricket as well. ENGLAND: First Inchags, 242 (A. P. Knott 52, J. H. Edrick 49; J. R. Bomson 4 for 72).

Second Innings
D. L. Amiss, c i. Chappell, b
Mallett
D. Lloyd, c and b Mallett
M. C. Cowdray, c G. Chappell, b H. Edrich, c Marsh, b Thomson M. H. Denness, c.l. Chappell, b 4. H. Denness, D. Thomson
Thomson
W. Greig, c G. Chappell, b
Liliee
A. P. E. Knott, c Marsh, b J. Hendrick, not out ...

J. Hendrick, not out ...

Extras (b 2, 1-5 9, w 2)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—115, 2—13, 4—136, 5—138, 6—136, 1
178, 8—132, 9—238, 17—3—58
BOWLING: Lillee, 17—3—58
Thomson, 17—1—71—4; Walker, 1:
0—45—0; Mallett, 24—6—60—4. AUSTRALIA: First lanings. 241 Redpath 55; R. G. D. Willie S 

ol, M. Chappell, G. S. Chappell, R. Edwards K. Chappell, R. Edwards K. W. Marsh, Edwards K. Ulile, A. A. Ballet, J. R. Thomson to bat. A. A. BGWLING (to date): Willis, 1—1—0—0.

Calcutta, Dec 30.-India, with four second innings wickets in hand, lead West Indies by 199 runs in the third Test match which will be resumed here tomorrow. SCORES: India, 235 (G. R. Viswenath 52: A. M. B. Roberts 5 for 60) and 206 for 6 (F. M. Engineer 61. G. R. Viswenath 75 not out); West Indies, 240 (R. C. Fredericks 100; Madan Lai 4 for 22).

Yachting

## **Provisional** win for Love and War

Hobart, Dec 30 .- Love and War, a New South Wales sloop, tonight was declared provisional winner on handicap of the annual Sydney to Hobart race.

Love and War finished the 630 nautical miles blue water classic in four days, four hours, 27.33 minutes, about six hours ahead on corrected times of the 79-foot American ketch, Ondine III, which won line honours. Ondine III's elapsed time was three days 13 hours 51.93 minutes.

Provisionally second on handicap was Admiral's Cup contender Bumblebee III, of New Sonth Wales, followed by Apollo III, of Western Australia and Ondine III.

### England seek revenge at Meadowbank England seek revenge for the

1973 defeat by Scotland when they return to Meadowbank, Edinburgh, for the annual amateur boxing international on January 22. Team: international on January 22. Teams.
Light flyweight, J. Dawson (Boston, Lincoinshire): flyweight, C. Stoams.
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(Arnour Youth, Steams): bankariweight, D. Cowdell (Warley): leatherweight, G. Gilbody (Golden Gloves, Lattrood): hightweight, D. Gwillias, Lattrood): hightweight, G. Gwillias, Carey: light weiterweight, H. Walson (Huthweifer, Lieft and Investight, H. Walson (Huthweifer, Lieft): mid-Investight, M. Bertheavyweight, J. McCann (Stepney St. Georges). Squash rackets

# Kenyon can rest on his junior laurels again

Squash Rackets Correspondent Philip Kenyon (Lancashire) won the British junior squash rackets championship for the second successive year by beating John Le Lièvre (Hampshire) 9—5, 9—1, 9—3 in only 27 minutes at Brandou Hall, near Coventry, yesterday. The one-sided nature of the final probably had three causes. Lièvre damaged an ankle during the British amateur championship and had not competed during the intervening fortnight. More to the point, Kenyon was close to his best form and looked a more accom-

plished and mature player. Kenyon has not been impressive recently, perhaps because he has lost a lot of sleep while dashing about on his Honda between Rickmansworth, where he lives and works, and Beaconsfield and South Kensington, where he plays most of his squash. But the jumor championship has given him the opporpionship has given him the oppor-tunity to rest in comfort as the guest of Falcon Inns, the sponsors of the tournament.

Kenyon comes from Cleveleys, near Blackpool, and is Lancashire senior champion. His squash has benefited from more intensive competition since he moved south as a senior assistant in the bread department of the Flour Milling and Baking Research Association. Lièvre, a month younger, is from Guernsev, but is studying manage ment sciences at Loughborough University. The contrast in their backgrounds is no more striking

than the contrast evident in their games yesterday. To some extent this was illustrated by the fact that this was illustrated by the fact that Kenyon's shots (38 winners and 20 losers) decided 58 of the 75 valid rallies. In short, he did most of the scoring for both players. Of the other 43 players who came under starter's orders last Friday, Gawain Briars, only 16, and Andrew Dwyer defied the seedings by reaching the last four. When Briars was engulied by a sparkling stream of nicked kills from Kenyon, we knew what to expect in the final. The big sleep—three nights

final. The big sleep—three nights of it—obviously did Kenyon good. Qamar Zaman, defeated by Mohibullah Khan in the last two finals of the British amateur squash rackers championship, had a measure of revenge by beating Mohibullah, 9—7, 9—6, 1—9, 9—6, in the final of the West Wycombe in the final of the West Wycombe open tournament last evening.

Zaman was the more daring shot-maker and displayed an enviable capacity for masking his intentions. But there was an uncommonly long and thrilling raily at 7-all before he won the first game and, after losing the third, he went 0—5 down in the fourth. Then a run of six points in one hand restored his earlier authority, though there were many

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 7. Wachington Capitals 0; Chicago Black Hawks 5. Saint Logis Riues 2: New York Rangers 3. Kansas City Scouts 1; Philadelphia Flyers 3, Buffalo Sabres 2. authority, though there were many lets before the job was done. LONDON (Bath Clab Trophy): first round; Aylesbury GS beat Mariboraugh B, 3—0; Gresham's beat Mariboraugh B, 3—0; Gresham's beat full per S—0; St Peter's, York beat Si Pad's, 3—0; Stowe heat Bedford, 3—0; West-cilifectiff RS beat Merchant Taylors, 5—0; Elizabeth College, Guernsey boat Eton, 3—0. PLUNKET SHELD: Auchiand 97 (M. J. Colus 5—22): Wellington 155—5 (J. F. M. Morrison 75), Otaqo 312 for 4 dec (G. M. Turner 135, R. W. Anderson 76): Northern Districts 37 for no wicket. Central Districts 180 (R. A. Pierce 6), B. E. Congdon 5 for 46). Cricket

Ice hockey

arrangement would require special dispensation. From the RFU. Whenever this tie is played, it will Gloucester, the first winners of be a hard one up from Morley, the Rugby Football Union Club

> count, have a rugged pack. The London Scottish-Rosslyn Park affair provides, as it happens, the only local derby of the round. Of the five surviving London sides only London Irish have to pack their bags. They have a long hand to Morpeth, one of the up and coming north-eastern clubs. Liverpool, having survived by a

who beat Waterloo in the first

are well accustomed to beingdrawn away from hime, are due to single point in the last round, against Solibull, have a home plough a long furrow to Bristol. These were some of the out-standing ties when the Union's president. Kenneth Chapman, brought 16 names out of the bag match against Rath, who were thankful to prevail at Falmouth after first beating the Cornish side at home and then being required in London last night and the com petition progressed to a national: to play them again. The second basis. But two of the more interst-ing matches involve the co-tenants time, they drew 9-9 but went through to the second round on and London Scottish, both of whom have been rewarded with a home fixture—against Morley and

the away team rule.

If any one area has been luckier in the draw than another then it must be London. If another knockout meeting between Gloucester and Moseley could be the match of the round, then Bristol v Gosforth must rival it closely for star billing. Moseley, with home advantage, must be hopeful of reversing the result of the 1972 final. If Gosforth survive to the quarter final for the first time, they certainly will have dome so the hard way. This is the sixth time in the competition they have been drawn away from home. home fixture—against Morley and Rosslyn Park, respectively. It would be highly impracticable for both to play their ties on Saturday, February 8, the date by which the second round must be completed and the one on which the Union are hoping that all surviving clubs can agree to meet.

London Scottish, who lost to Coventry in last April's final, are scheduled to have use of the Athletic Ground on February 8 for another match with Coventry.

Second round draw Bedford v Sale Biackheath v Coventry Richmond v Morley Morpeth v London Irish London Scottish v Rosslyn Park Liverpool v Bath Bristol v Gosforth Moseley v Gloucester Ties to be played on February to agree to the Sunday, such an if possible.

# Full backs ready for late dash to Twickenham

The England selectors will not decide until they meet on Friday evening the name of the second full back to be called up for training over the weekend. Several candidates came further under the microscope last Saturday, and at least three of them will be in action again tomorrow. Richards is playing for Wasps against Rosslyn Park at Sudbury. Hare and Butler will be opposed to each other when Nottingham visit Gloucester at Kingsholm. I understand that all condidates have been alerted to stand by for a late dash to Twickenham.

Butler may have dropped down the ranking list, though he had a good enough area trial. Jorden, of Bedford, and the most experienced of all the rivals, had a good match that day too. Gullick, of Orrell. had a fine match for the North against the Midlands, as did Hare, for The Rest in the final trial, when Rossborough (the first choice) and Jorden (a replacement) both pulled out with injuries.

In retrospect, the selectors may now wish that instead of promoting Richards to the senior team they had left him, as originally chosen, in The Rest side. He was able to confirm his strength and decision in attack but was rarely exposed

That was Richard's first senior game since he broke his jaw in an England Under-23 game in September, though he had had a couple of ourings for the Waspe third and second reage. By all accounts he had a good game for their first ream last Sammday, when he was able to provide evidence of the goal-kicking form that eluded him in the final trial.

For all his dash, Hare made the sort of needless errors in the area sort of needless errors in the area trial that tend to stick in the minds of selectors. Everything went swimmingly for him at Twicken-ham, except on the one occasion

when he made another such misname. Selectors have elephantine memories. But total reliability is a quality they expect full backs to possess. In this respect—Jorden is possess. In this respect—Jorden is as trusty as anyone—more so, indeed, than Rossborough, who, for all his undoubted gifus, stiff has to convince everybody that he is utterly consistent. Jorden's handicap, when compared with the others, is lack of pace.

The fact that the selectors threw Richards into the deep end at Twickenham after so little preparation is a sure indication of how

tion is a sure indication of how another good game for the Wasps tomorrow, I suspect that he will be joining Rossborough in the England party at Twickenbar

# Scots seek new way forward as time catches up with front five

By John Downie

It has been the practice of Scotland's rugby selectors for many years to let their pre-trials conception of the national side wear the navy blue jerseys through two trials. This season, when only one national trial has been arranged, at Murrayfield on January 11 (2.0), they make the bold experiment of the property of the front of the season of the foot transferring to The Rest the front five forwards who, with adjust-ments only at hooker, where Madeen played throughout last

season, have been the nucleus of all full-strength Scotland teams for By this means they no doubt hope to give the Scotland backs a barder test, secure in the know-

ledge that transfer to The Rest will not impair the confidence of three Lions or McHarg, a quietly cheerful big man off the field, but on it one of the game's most arrogant exponents of skills orthodox and otherwise. And Madsen has played well enough in his fewer internationals to feel that he has been treated as an honourable member of the group. A persistent question through-out Scottish rugby for some seasons

has been where to turn when this from five, three of whom are past 30, become too old to go on. In seeking an answer the Committee have produced younger pos-sibles in the props and Tomes-

but Balfour, at 34, is older than any of the established veterans and seven years elder than his opposite number. Yet he remains

Although this again would be a departure from recent usage, the selectors could, if they chose, bring the first team together in the second half of the trial. They certainly connot claim to have seen them together this scason on the strength of a 44-8 romp against

Tonga in September.

Of the 15 Scots who enjoyed themselves that day only Morgan, the scrum half, does not find a place in the trial. He recently returned to action after absence because of a shoulder injury. Injury absences, however, have not prevented others from being chosen, so it can be taken that Lawson and McGrae, each the holder of six caps, have gained preference to Morgan and McHardy. Ki'marmock's roung aspirant, on the strength of recemperformances.

McGrae's captaincy of The Rest he obtiously owes to his inspiring leadership of North and Midlands, who on Saturday have only to draw with Glasgow to be outright winners for the first time in the 21 seasons of the district champion-ship. because of a shoulder injury.

neither side has been given to McLauchlan, the national captain, strengthens my belief that the teams will be reshuffled at half-time, but with neither captain

SCOTLAND: A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP); W. C. C. Steele (London Scottish). J. M. Renwick (Hawick), I. R. McGeechan (Headingies), L. G. Dick (Jordan-hill); C. M. Telfer (Hawick, taptain), A. J. M. Lawson (London Scottish); J. Airken (Gala), R. F. A. Baifour (Glasgow High), N. E. K. Pender (Hawick), A. J. Tomes (Hawick), A. J. Tomes (Hawick), N. A. MacEwan (Highland), W. S. Watson (Boroughmuir), W. Lauder (Neath).

THE REST: W. D. Airchigan.

mnir), W. Lauder (Neath).

THE REST: W. D. Astchison (Highland); A. D. Gill (Gala), A. P. Friell (London Scottish), A. Dougall (Jordanhill), T. D. Dunlop (Dunfermline); R. Wilson (London Scottish), I. G. McCrae (Gordonians, captain); J. McLauchlam (Jordanhill), D. F. Madsen (Gosforth), A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland), A. F. McBarg (London Scottish), G. L. Brown (West of don Scottish), D. G. Leslie (Dundee HSFP), M. A. Biggar (London HSFP), M. A. Biggar (London Scottish).

Referee: A. M. Hosie (Hill-

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# Surrey Schools go so far and no farther

Middlesex 4 Surrey 0
Middlesex Schools richly deserved their success by a try to
notining against Surrey Schools on
a fine afternoon at St Mary's Hospital ground, Teddington, yesterday. In firm going and with
Scarcely a trace of wind about,
Middleser's consistent hard work,
wit self mad Middleser's consistent and work. wit, skill and discipline at all points, made them by some distance the better combination. They had done well on Friday last against Eastern Counties to whom they had lost narrowly and then only through some brittle place kicking. So there was compensation, too, in victory yesterday.

Survey, who had beaten Kent by 30—15, were somewhat disappoint-

ing. More than once they seemed to have reached a point when their early mistakes and unsubile tactics could be forgotten, and when their promise might be fulfilled. Yet, Middlesex were coughty op-ponents and loth to give anything

away which made the springboard Surrey so clearly needed the harder to attain. Also, Surrey's fination with kicking the hall away brought scant reward, and Middle sex came pounding menacingly forward, their enthusiasm renewed.

One felt sympathy for Surrey's forwards and the wings, who were all but ostracized, and their hope must be that the half backs and centres can formulate a more imaginative strategy, based on running and passing, perhaps, in their final match against Eastern Counties, tomorrow. their final match against Eastern Counties, tomorrow.

Bryan, who had another good match, can only have had praise for his side among whom Chan, at flank forward, played outstandingly well. Gwyther, at full back, Wainwright, Lanffer, Rafferty and Porter, the half backs, and Irvium, were among others to play with distriction.

Niddlesex scored their try, and what a good one it was, shortly after the start of the second half when Gwyther, fielding one of

those many kicks ahead thanged direction on his own 10 and side and swung the ball leftwards to Lauffer. The wing rase a lot of ground, threading his way down ticld before passing inside to Chan. It was a beautiful dummy by Chan that then opened up the line for Lauffer, who took his return pass to store wide entitle return pass to score wide outside reinrn pass to score wide outside the left corner flag.

MDDLESEX SCHOOLS: S. J. Gwyther (Mill Hill): D. Walnwright (LCS), S. G. (Ringholm GS. Cacalni, D. Laufer (UCS): M. Malferty (Gmnerahung Catholic GS. Cacalni, D. Laufer (OCS): M. Malferty (Gmnerahung Catholic GS. C. Charlett, Jones : Mill Hills, P. D. Mothershill St. Paul's), F. McDald (Christ's Hospital): R. Prosper, (Hampton, GS), O. Charlett, Ches. (Haberdashurichen): (Haberdashuriche Henouvery Company (1997) A. Hrung Inderior Westell, SURREY SCHOOLS; R. Andrews SURREY SCHOOLS; R. Andrews (Eaher, R. Houlahan (Rugate CS), C. Scholmer, C. Houlahan (Rugate CS), C. Scholmer, C. Houlahan (Rugate CS); R. Marte (Radier), D. Peoper (Emanuel), P. Westen (Wallieren MS), P. Mulchrund (Regate CS), M. Batte (Kingston TC), S. Jones Reignte CS), M. Batte (Rugate CS), Reignte CS), Referee; C. Hosking (London)

# The long and the short of Counties' victory eave him an inside pass for the first, near the posts, and he got the second when Counties healed

against the head near the corner fire. Copier licked both conversions, Bodersham missed two penal-

ties for Kent, but struck lucky at the third attempt when Counties

fell offside at a ruck 30 yards out

E Counties 25 Eastern Counties, having accoun-Eastern Counties, having accounted for Middlesex, beat Kent by three goals, a penalty goal and a try to a goal, a penalty goal and a try to a goal, a penalty goal and a try to a goal, a penalty goal and a try to a goal, a penalty goal and a try to a goal, a penalty goal and a try to a goal, a penalty goal and a try to a goal and a goal and

Counties were a bigger, stronger team than Kent, conspicuously so in the forwards (Arnold, one of their locks, is 6ft 4in and 16st 81b) and because of this they were able to control the game for lengthy periods. Not until the last quarter, when Counties, in any event, were rather too far ahead to be caught,

did Kent start winning enough of the ball to sustain their attacks. Kent played with the sun beaming into their eyes in the first half, of which Counties spent the greater part in or around the Kent 25. Fosh, their long-striding stand-off half, scored two tries, both from set scrummages. Stephens

and in front of the posts. The general impression of this balf was that Counties, with all their possession, ought to have scored more than twice. Just a ter half-time Brooker scored Counties' third try, and had some half-heart'sd Kent tackling, no less than his own determination, to thank for it. Copley

converted from the touchline. Bodenham scored and converted a try for Kent after 20 minutes, when David Slater, an England under 15 international, broke brok2 minute later Lee, a mobile hooker, went over for Courties. This was the best try of the match. Stephens made the running from the half-

way line and slipped the ball inside to Fesh, who in turn passed inside to Lee.

The remaining scores were a penalty by Copley for Counties and a try by Hennessy for Kent. Counties were a boy short for the last 10 minutes. Brooker aggravated a leg injury and Kelleher took his place on the wing.

EASTERN COUNTIES SCHOOLBOYS.

M. Coleridge (Gresham's) (capitain). N. Cox (Bancroft's). C. Miller (Colerste Reval CS). A Lucy (Perse), N. Brooker (Dene's HS. Loweston'). M. Froker (Colerste Reval CS). A Lucy (Perse), N. Brooker (Dene's HS). T. Loweston's. M. Frint (Gresham's). T. Lor (Langdon CS. East Hann). N. Baker (Amplerorth). S. Kelleber (Wolferston's). R. Kelleber (Wolferston's). R. Kelleber (Wolferston's). R. Kelleber (Brooker). School Colers (Gresham's). P. Lett (St. Joseph's): R. Bodersham (Brockley) G. Walters (Eagliesfield). J. Shater (Chilischurs) are Sidon GS). K. Colersham Canada Canada (Brockley). Chilstehurst are Sidon GS). K. Colersham C. Hambert (St. Joseph's): C. School (Joseph's). C. Sc GS). T. Hennesy (S. Joseph's) icin: G. Boarding (Guillegham nical). D. Matther (Chisichur Sidera GS). E. Simbona (Dar I. Howes (Skinnesy). Referee: J. Trigg (London).

# Miss Barker reaches last four by beating Russian

Melbourne. Dec 30.—Spsan Barker, of Britain, scored an out-standing victory here today to reach the semi-final round in the reach the semi-final round in the Australian open tennis championships. Miss Barker, 18, beat the number two seed, Olga Morozova, of the Soviet Union, 6—2, 7—6. Another 16-year-old, Martina Navratilova, of Czechoslovakia, best the top seed, Margaret Court, of Australia, 6—4, 6—3.

Mrs Court, making her third comeback to big time tennis, said she had found trouble concentrating during her match on an outside court because she could hear all the scores of the other games.

the scores of the other games. After the defeat of Mrs Moro-zova by Miss Barker, there was consolation for the Soviet Union w<u>hen Natasha Chmyreva</u> through to the semi-finals by beating Australia's Carol Matison, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5. The third seed, Ryonne Goolagong, of Australia, won her match 6-3, 7-5 against Japan's Kazuko Sawamatsu and is

now the favourite for the title. She meets Miss Barker in the semi-finals.

The top men's seeds, Jim Connors and John Newtombe, reached the semi-final round of the men's singles. Connors, 22, the title-holder from Belleville. Illinois, beat Kim Warwick, of Australia, 6—3, 6—2, 6—2 and in an all-Australian quarter final Newtonbe segment through 1—5.

Newcombe scraped through 1—6. 6—3. 6—7, 6—3, 10—8 against Geoffrey Masters. The semi-final line-up is Con-nors seainst Dick Crealy, of Australia, who beat compatriot, John Alexander, 6—3, 4—6, 6—3,

7—6 today, and Newcombe against Tony Roche, who beat the Rus-sian, Alex Metreveli, 7—6, 3—6. 6—4, 6—3. Comors, who admits to being a little superstitious, played to Aberdeen v Dundee ..... day in a shirt given to him by Romania's Ilie Nastase. "I wore the shirt at the finals in Wimble don and ar Forest Hills", he said Commenting on his performance, Compors, who has won 96 out of 100 matches this year, said: "If I can play like I did today I will be satisfied." Partick v Rangers

MEN' SINGLES: Quarter-final round: R. Crealy beat J. Alexander. 6-3. 4-6. 6-3. 7-6; A. Rocke beat & Metravell (USSR), 7-6, 3-6. 6-1. 6-3. J. Newcombe beat 6-3. J. Comors (US) beat K. Warwick, 6-3. 6-2. 6-2. Warmer, 6-3. 6-2. 6-2. WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-fina round; Miss E. F. Goolagong beat Miss K. Sawamatsu (Japan). 6-7. 6-7. Miss N. Chmyreva (USSR) beat Miss. M. Mattend. 6-2. 6-2. 6-2. Miss. M. Navratilova (Czechosiovalta) beat Miss. M. Court. 6-3. 6-3. Miss. Miss. M. Court. 6-3. 6-3. Miss. Miss. M. Court. 6-3. 6-3. Miss. zova (USSR: 6-2.7-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES: First round: R. Creby and R. Keldle beat U. Pinner and U. Marten (WG) 6-1.6-5.

F. Menon India) and J. Andrews (US) beat A. Metrevell (USSR) and J. Marten (All Marten) and R. Carlinia (Prance) beat M. Machette and R. Reld (US) 6-1.6-6.

Menon and Andrews beat I. Kossk and P. Savic (Yugoslava). 6-4.6-4. Stone and Carlinia (Prance) and R. Ruleit and R. Ruleit (Prance) and R. Ruleit and P. Savic (Yugoslava). 6-4.6-4. Stone and Carlinia (Prance) and R. Ruleit (Prance) beat Keldle and Creaty, 6-0.6-6.

# Britain at full strength

Britain will field a full-strength women's team when they defend the EP Cup at Torquay from Feb-ruary 3 to 8. Susan Barker will join her Wightman Cup col-leagues, Glynis Coles and Linda Mottram. They will be challenged in the series of under-21 inter-resionals by America Carcheslenationals by America, Czechoslo-vakia and the Netherlands. vakia and the Netherlands.
Britain's men's team, who have
won the trophy for the past two
years, will be without Lloyd and
Mothram, who will both be playing in the world championship
tour. With Robinson (Lancashire)

and the Middlesex left-hander, Lewis, in the team Britain should still offer stiff resistance to their challengers from the United States, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, West Germany, Spain, Italy and France. The British side will probably be completed by Jonathan Smith (Devon), a sound doubles player and Christopher Wells Americans will star The

favourites in the men's competi-21 player. Hockey

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MENT: North (St Annes-on-Sea) York-shire I, Lancashire 1; Sheffled Longue I, Durham 1; Weshinorkand O, Northum-berland 1; Cumberland 2. Cheshire 1; berland 1: Cumberland 2. Choshire 1; Eiceleras 2. Manchester League 0; South (Worthing) Berlishire 2. Bucking-hamshire 1: Hamsshire 4. Chotsas CPE 0: ULU 0. Civil Service 1; Oxfordshire 1. Sussex 1: Surrey 3. Middlesex 0; Berkshire II 2. Hamishire II 2: Middle-lex II 1, Buckinghumshire II 0; Surrey II 3. Sursex II 1. West (Weston-Super-Mare) Somerset 1. Dorset 0; Devon 5. Herefordshire 1; Carwall 2. With-shire 2; Gloucestersbire 4. West Juniors New Year's Day fixtures Kick-off 3.0 unless stated.

Chariton v Colchester (7.30) ..... Fourth division

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Hartlepool v Northampton ... Scottish first division

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Scottish second division Alloa v Stenbouscoori (2.0) .... Berwick v K Stirlingshire (2.0) .. Cowdenbeath v Forfar (2.0) ..... Falkirk v Stirting Albion ...... Hamilton v Albion ..... Montrose v Brechin (2.0) ...... Queen of South v Stramaer .....

St Mirren v Queens Park ......

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier treitsten: Barnet v Remierd; Burton v Telford: Cambridge City v Grantham Dariford v Chelmsford: Dover v Ton bridge; Guidford/Dorking v Weymouth Maddstone v Marpate: Nunearon Nettering (7.50); Stourbridge v Abrastone; Wealdstone v Winbledon: Yeov Eath. First division: North: Bedfor v Milton keynes: Bedworth v Tenwer: 111.18; Cotty v King's Lynn; Ender! v A. P. Leamington (3.50); Merth Tydin v Cheltonham (3.15); Roddfor Kidderminater: Stevenage v Durisho Kidderminater: Stevenage v Durisho Tydfi v Cheltenham (2.15); heddick-kidderminater; Stevenage v Dunstab Wellingborough v Bury Town; Win-Town v Banbury; Warcester v Brow grote (7.30), South; Ashford v Cante bury; Basingstoke v Bognor Red Crawley v Metropellian Polk Darchester v Bideford (2.15); Hastin y Gravesend; Hillingdon v Bexley; All head v Trowbridge; Ramagate Folkastone/Shepway; Salisbury v Pool Waterlooville v Ancover

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NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE Altrincham v Macriestleid: Bostor United v Galmsbornugh; Gateshad United v Scarborough; Goole v Worker Great Harwood v Fleetwood; Lancado v Barrow: Matlock v Suxton: Notherital v Nortember (7.50): Northwich victica v Ruscom: South Liverpool oria v Runcom: Bouth Liverpool v
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Avenue (7.50)
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: AFA
Schools XI v FA Youth XI (at Barclays
Bank ground, Ealing, 2.0)

Rugby Union Club matches

CHILD MERICHES
Bath v South Wales Police (3.0).
Bristol v Cliffom (3.15),
Cardilf v Bath,
Cheltenham v Lydney (2.50).
Cross Keyt v Maceteg (7.15).
Fylic v St Helens,
Gloucesler v Nottingham (7.0),
Nowport v Newbridge (3.15),
Rugby v Birkomhead Park (2.50),
Sale v Manchesler,
Taunton v Weston-Mare (2.45),
Tredegar v Ebbw Vale.
Waspé v Rosslyn Park (2.50),
Watsonlans v Swinson.

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: C.istieford v Stad-ford Northern; Leods v Dewbury: Salford v Rochdale Hernets (7.50); Wakefield Frinkly v Fostherstone Rours (5.301; Widnes v St Helens (2.15); Wignar v Warrington, SECOND DIVISION: Enddersfield v Satiog: Hull v Hull Kingston Rovers; Worklogton Town v Whitehaven (2.50).

Earlier FA cup draw likely on Saturday

The FA Cup draw will be televised live again on Saturday, but vised live again on Saturday, Dar it is likely to be at the earlier time of 5 pm. Details will be finalized today, but it is cloud today but it is cloud tocation that the fourth round ties will be selected at the erd of BEC's Grandsland and not on Match of the Day six hours later. The chaose will allow Sunday papers to carry the draw in most editions. The draw is being made on a Saturday to help the pools companies. Having it on television is only a secondary consideration. There was a similar set-up last season during the three-day week, when the draws for the third, fourth, fifth and sixth rounds were all held within an hour of the matches finishing. Peter Osgood, who joined Southampton from Chelsea for £230,000 in March, may soon move again. Laurie McMenemy, Southampton's manager, said today: "Osgood's heert is in the club but not the second division and if the right offer was made I should probably recommend the club to consider

it. We are going through a transi-tional period and there can be no

derying that the money would help us rebuild."

Leeds United at home to Cardiff City in the third round of the FA Cup will be without Yorath, who began a two-match suspension yesterday. Cherry, who has completed his ban, will be available. Harvey and Jordan, who missed the win at Leicester because of injury, were under treatment yesterday and it was hoped they would be fit by the weekend.

**Record vote for Cruyff** Paris, Dec 30.—Johan Cruyff was today named European (ootballer of the year for a record third time.

Yesterday's results Scottish second division (Catcheart) - REMIER LEAGUE:
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Surrey Schools 9.

Snow reports from European resorts

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Powder Good Snow less now replaced In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. T following reports have been received from other sources:

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Racing

# Junior Partner in the chair at Cheltenham

Racing Correspondent As far as racing is concerned the New Year will be celebrated in the southern half of the country appropriately enough at Cheltenham, the home of steeplechasing, and at Windsor and Devon and Exeter as well. Bass, Charrington Limited are obviously benr on seeing the New Year on its way in a mood that fits the occasion by sponsoring three races at Now He of Man must de tenthal by sponsoring three races at Cheltenham, the Bass Handicap

by sponsoring three races at Cheltenham, the Bass Handicap Steeplechase: the Worthington E "Novices' Steeplechase and the Carling Black Label Hurdle.

Unfortunately the last-named race clashes badly with Windsor's New Year's Day Hurdle. Moyne Royal has been declared to run in both races. His trainer Arthur Pitt has 24 hours in which to make up his mind, but it will be surprising if he does not settle for the Cheltenham race, which looks much the easier of the two to win, a race that he certainly ought to win at the expense of Ashendenc, who has not run since he broke down earlier this year. At Windsor he would be opposing

Plash Imp, Perambulate and Maximilian, a task that looks much harder.

The Bass Handicap Steeplechase replaces the Vred Withington Steeplechase of old. Northern stables are mounting a strong challenge headed by Rag Trade, who won the Stan Mellor Cup at Nortingham earlier this month, and Straight Vulgan, who finished sixth on that day but is probably capable of doing better this time. Yet 1 cannot help wondering whether either of them will beat Juniar Portner, who had the Johany Clay Memorial Handicap Steeplechase at Chepstow at his mercy when he ran out and missed the last tence.

Hiram Maxim, bought out of Humphrey Cottrill's stable for S. 200 gameas, by Junior Partner's trainer. Fred Rinell, at Newmarket in the Autumn, ran well chough in his first and only race under National Hunt rules to suggest that he should be capable of winning the Evesham Four-Year-Old hurdle. He finished sixth in that fiercely contested race, the Finale Hurdle, run at Chepstow, finishing in front of First Foutman, one of his opponents tonorrow. Hiram Maxim, bought out of man, one tomorrow.

formance of Maximilian, who got Tree Tangle on the stretch in the William Hill Christmas Hurule. Admittedly he was receiving 13th from Tree Tangle, but he had never run under National Hunt rules before, whereas Tree Tangle had amassed a weatilt of experience. The encouraging aspect of the race was the way that Maximilian hurdled. He could have been at the game all his life, so fluently did he jump. In an earlier race, the Berkshire Hurdle, run at Newbury in November. Tree Tangle had been beaten only half a length by Flash Imp 8th.

Through Tree Tangle it is pos-

Through Tree Tangle it is possible to argue that Flash imp is no more than 8lb superior to Maximilian, yet at Windsor in the New Year's Day Hurdie, Flash Imp must give Maximilian 16lb. I am inclined to think that Windsor's tight flatter of eight course will suit one figure-of-eight course will suit one as fast as Maximilian far better than Plash Imp, a door individual and a stayer through and through. In the circumstances 1 am bound to throw my lot in with Maximilian.

One of the most intrigulus features of the racing at Kempton Park on Boxing Day was the per-

# Calvert set for Catterick double

The old year slips out quietly today with two modest meetings and plenty or runners at Catterick Bridge and Stratford-on-Avon, and a running battle between the Finne, two ltarses who gave Kichard Head and John Francoma I double at Folkestone on December His I for the I folkestone on December His I folkestone the I folkestone on December His I folkestone the I folkes I folkestone on December His I folkestone the I fo

12.45 DARK STRANGERS STEEPLECHASE (Novices: 5272:

1.15 AULD LANG SYNE HURDLE (Novices: £204: 2m)

1. O(412) Double Rum, Mr. E. G. v. (111-0) J. P. Bourke 5

2. O-O. Baron's Hall, V. Gl. v. (111-0) J. P. Bourke 5

1. 100 Country Cousin, P. Bream, 5-11-7 N. Glab 5

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1.45 J. H. ROWE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 5510: 31m)

2.15 BRAN TUB HURDLE (Handicap: 4-y-o: £374: 2m)

o-4 King Neutune, 4-1 Jamaya, 6-1 Campdon, 8-1 Unavailable, Quickapenny. 10-1 Weights, 12-1 Cotton Coon, 16-1 others, 2.45 VIVIAN STREET STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £374: 2m)

2.43 VIVIAN SIREPLECHASE (Handicap): 2.574. 2.117.

1 3123-01 Holly Park, Miss C. Crooks, 6-11-7. Mr Greenell 5
5 011302 Number Engaged (D), E. Courage, 6-11-1. Mr Scowcroft 7
7 3p- Fair Captain, J. Greates, '-11-0. Mr Greates
10 00404 Leben, C. Hoyle, 10-11-0. Mr Greates
11 0006 Forest of Wychwood, Mrs D. Barnell, 5-11-0. Mr Harnell 7
12 p Aghaboys, J. Rond-Smith, R-17-0. Mr Mackle 7
1-2 Number Engaged, 5-2 Holly Park, 6-1 Fair Captain, 12-1 others.

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 Brave Chap. 1.15 Double Rum. 1.45 Greek Warrior. 2.15 King Neptune. 2.45 Number Engaged. 3.15 Lyford Cay.

1 3112-22 Cape Clarendon (D), I. Cundolt, 7-10-7.
1 1-94710 Romanna (D), H. Canobideo, M-70-5.
2-20-22 Buferge (CO), H. H. Salterby, 8-70-5.
1-10-620 Cabalva D), M. Scudanoro, 1-10-5.
1-10-620 Clarendon, 13-R Duforge, 11-4 Romanna, 8-1 Cabalva.

2.5 Wild Fox. 13-8 Harelestyn.

3.0 WigSTON HURDLE (Handicap : £544 : 2m)

1 0-21002 Dolben Lass (D), J. Harres, 6-10-11 S. A. favior

2 22-1121 Five Gold (D), M. Marsh, 7-10-10 M. Gifford

1 1-0002p Composite (D), F. Gundell, 7-10-2 M. Gifford

5 00 Wind Fox. 13-8 Hall, 8-10-0 Lass, 8-1 The Trout, 20-1 others.

By Our Racing Staff 12.30 Dardanella Lady, 1.0 Don't Hesitate, 1.30 Cape Clarendon, 2.0 Portugarron, 2.30 Wild Fox, 3.0 FIXBY GOLD is specially recom-

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Tudor Mill 12.45 Sequence. 1.15 Coolera Prince. 1.45 De
Borteaux. 2.15 Prophecy. 2.45 Eagle Feather. 3.15 Hullo Agan.
3.40 Shining Heights.

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 HIRAM MAXIM is specially recommended. 1.15 Isle of Man. 1.50 Junior Partner. 2.25 Moyne Royal. 3.0 Brantridge Farmer. 3.30 Flammulu.

By Our Racing Staff 12,45 Space Boam. 1.15 Young Somers. 1.45 DONOHTLL is specially recommended. 2.15 Front Bencher. 2.45 Cantabet. 3.15 Sky Tour.

Catterick Bridge selections tomorrow

2.0 WIDMERPOOL STEEPLECHASE (Novices: 5340: 3m)

2.30 NEW YEAR STEEPLECHASE (£439 : 2m)

Leicester programme tomorrow

12.30 HUMBERSTONE HURDLE (4y-o: £340: 2m)

3.15 LUCKY DIP HURDLE (£272 : 21m)

Stratford-on-Avon selections

than a month ago at Nottingbam he won his first novice steeple-ctase by 10 lengtas. With Ron Barry up he will be a short-priced tayourite for the Robinson Crusoe. Steeplechase.

Jack Calvert, whose stable on the Hambleton Hills is less than 20 miles away from Carterick, has a chance to bring off a double with Willow Walk in the first division of the Mother Goose Novices' flurdie (1.0) and with Half Hooked in the Scotch Corner Steeplecase (1.30). At Catterick on December 11 Willow Walk Italished second to the favourite Wylam Boy. He would probably have been rather closer if he had not made a mistake two hurdles out, for at that point he was disputing the lead.

Ualf Hooked won his race last Steeplechase.

Hurdle, and Kerry Blue is selected for the second division of the Mother Goose Hurdle (3.0). He was the winner of 10 races on the flat for the Duke of Norfolk, and he is trained near Malton by the Duke's daughter. Lady Anne Fit.alan-Howard. He has shown not a little promise in finishing third in his only two races over hurdles.

hird in his only two races over hurdles.

Looking altend to Catterick's New Year day meeting. Young, Somers and Donohill appeal as a probable double for Tony Dickinson's Lancashire stable in the Richmond Handicap Steeplechase and Zetland Handicap Steeplechase. Donohill made all the running under top weight of 12 st 5 ib to win at Aye by three lengths and he now has only 1 ib more. Young Somers has won in his only appearance this season, He made most of the running at Teesside Park to beat Wyse Hill and Gorawood, and held their challenges on the run-in with much determination to beat them by 11 lengths and 30 lengths.

Frunt Eencher should go well

## Windsor programme today

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1.0 KEAT'S LANE HURDLE (Handicap: £204: 2m 30yd) 2 001-040 Precious Vale, P. Allingham, 9-11-2 J. Grepade 4 00300 Prims Boy, B. Mchalem, 5-11-1 J. B. 2 123-00 Wild Neitle, J. Perreit, 14-10-15 H. Barry 5 2300-00 New Liskerd, G. Janes, 15-10-11 L. Harriy 6 13-32p4 Sweet Anico, P. Haylor, 5-10-10 R. History 7 13-32p4 Sweet Anico, P. Haylor, 5-10-5 A. Garroll 9 33410 Always Happy, J. Cann. 7-10-5 R. Kindion 8 33410 Always Happy, J. Cann. 7-10-5 A. Garroll 10 0 Richo's Fire, P. Taylor, 5-10-5 A. Garroll 11 000303 Hardstyck, J. King, 5-10-5 S. C. Kindio 12 Dutch Profit, J. Engled, 7-10-5 S. C. Kindio 13 Butch Profit, J. Engled, 11-10-5 S. C. Kindio 14 Choy, 10-1 Proclaus Vale, 12-1 Hardistyck, 20-1 Others,
1.30 BERKSHIRE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £238; 3m)  4 40-0200 Fisher's Mite, D. Nichotson, 6-14-1 R. Chongol, 101-100 Gartwheel II. Dall, 1-11-5 J. Reshon, 1 140231 Early Frost (D). Mrs Gare, 5-11-1 R. H.
2.0 CLEWER HURDLE (Handicap: 4-y-o: £442: 2m 30yd)  1 1241-00 Cortanica, F. Mugneridge, 11-11 D. Mon  3 32033 Cortanica, F. Mugneridge, 11-11 D. Mon  4044310 Croomer, D. Barons, 11-1 S. M. Sin  5 1-40 Formarket, F. Walven, 11-1 S. M. Sin  7 131030 Ardent Partion, G. Harwood, 11-1 G. Thom  7 232007 Harzen, F. Rusell, 10-12 J. Francon  8 002-120 Wells Ferge, C. Bewicke, 10-11 J. K.  10 000-0 Proud Boy, D. Jerny, 10-4 N. Hansgan  11 04020 Blue Bidder, J. Cifford, 10-0 M. Stanley  12 Commarket, 3-1 Ardent Portion, 4-1 Cortanica, 6-1 Croome, 7-1 Big  Bidder, 8-1 Wells Pargo, 10-1 Hanson, 16-1 others.
2.30 MONTEM STEEPLECHASE (Div: £238: 2m 40yd)  1

3.30 PLAYING FIELDS HURDLE (Handicap: £442: 2m 30yd) | 000 Haif-Holiday, J. Gifford, 7-11-9 R. Champion | 233-0.44 Giffer Song (GD), D. Underwood, 5-11-5 G. Old 40-4000 Lyon dei Mar, R. Akchursi, 6-11-5 P. McEnice | 2200-30 Gummers How, D. Gandolfo, 0-11-3 S. Eccles 7 | 2304-22 Setta, A. Neaves, 0-10-15 S. Eccles 7 | 4212- Hill Tsp. F. Edmell, 5-10-12 J. Francome Evens Setta, 3-1 Gillter Song, 9-2 Gummers How, 8-1 Hill Top, 10-1 | Haif-Huinday, 20-1 Lyon del Mar.

Windsor selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.0 Always Happy, 1.30 Early Frost, 2.0 Commarket, 2.30 HENRY TUFFNUT is specially recommended, 3.0 Garrymust, 3.30 Glitter Song

# 103203 Cleo Baby, D. Barons, 6-11-5 Junbo Jet, A. Noaves, 7-11-5 Junbo Jet, A. Noaves, 7-11-5 Newforders, R. Turylays, 6-11-5 Newforders, R. Turylays, 6-11-5 Newforders, R. Noaves, 7-11-5 Newforders, R. Noaves, R.

Winds	or programme tomorrow
	URDLE (£503 : 2m 30yd)
1 021-003 3 1022-30 5 0000-00	Pigh risiter, J. Porrott, 11-11-10   Crazy Guy. G. Prier-Hobbyn 10-11-9 S.     Taisan, K. Kohiwori, 10-11-6 M. Sia

10000-00 Tation, K. Kleinvort, 10-11-6
1 30000-00 Tation, F. Kleinvort, 10-11-6
1 30000-00 Tation, F. Kleinvort, 10-11-1
2 00000-10 Tation Friendship, A. Aylett, B-11-4
2 00000-10 Today Friendship, A. Aylett, B-11-4
2 00000-10 Today Friendship, A. Aylett, B-11-4
2 00000-10 Today Friendship, B. Wise, B-10-11 M. Wagner P. P. Mybet, K. Ivory, 10-10-7 C. Thornome P. P. Mybet, K. Ivory, 10-10-7 C. Thornome P. P. Mybet, K. Ivory, 10-10-7 C. Enright 1: 230-332 Miss Worden, B. Wise, B-10-7 C. Enright 1: 230-332 Miss Worden, B. Wise, B-10-7 M. Banynon 7 C. My Tudor, J. Hayward, 5-10-5 M. Banynon 7 My Tudor, J. Hayward, 5-10-5 M. Banynon 7 O-0202 Super Saxon A. Avleit, 5-10-0 My Tudor, J. Balyward, 5-10-0 My Tudor, J. Balyward

1.30 ECCHINSWELL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 2m 40yd) 6-4 Egbert, 9-4 Taman, Even Op. 12-1 Evander.
2.0 NEW YEAR'S DAY HURDLE (£2,328 : 2m 30yd)

2.50 WOODPERRY STEEPLECHASE (5685 : 3m)

3.0 LANGLEY STEEPLECHASE (£340 : 2m 5f)

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1 0-p4313 Good Relations, Mrs Oughlon, 6-12-1

2 04219 Isle of Wight (C), D. Barons, 7-12-0

5 13-4201 Third Redeemer, S. Mellor, 7-12-0

6 1-22 Alice Rosethorn, Miss Sinclair, 8-11-1

6 040-00 Bunkery Season, T. Forsier (8-11-1)

10 0400-00 Bunkery Season, T. Forsier (8-11-1)

11 2000-00 Bunkery Season, T. Forsier (8-11-1)

12 200-01 Bunkery Season, T. Forsier (8-11-1)

13 0400-01 Flags (8-11-1)

14 040-01 Flags (8-11-1)

15 0400-01 Flags (8-11-1)

16 0400-01 Flags (8-11-1)

17 0400-01 Flags (8-11-1)

18 31222 Bunder (9-11-1)

19 0400-01 Flags (8-11-1)

10 0000-01 Midsisson, A. Moure, G. 11-1

10 0000-02 Monksgrange, S. Woodman, 7-11-9

10 0000-02 Monksgrange, S. Woodman, 7-11-9

10 0000-04 Patent. D. Barons, G-10-12

11 die Rosethorn, M-2 Samehiling fo Hide, 5-1 Good Relations, 11-2 Third Redection, T-1 Double One, 10-1 lale of Wight, 12-1 Ireland's Owen, 1+1 Flags.

3 30 TOLOCHEN, END HIRDLE (Handicap); 5340; 23m)

3.30 TOUCHEN END HURDLE (Handicap : £340 : 2]m)

Doubtfut runner. Windsor selections

By Our Racing Staff 1.0 Arty Crafty, 1.30 Even Up. 2.0 Maximilian, 2.30 King Flame, 3.0 Ireland's Owen, 3.30 Magic Mountain.

Leicester results

1.50 (1.55) QUORN STEEPLECHASE

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ALSO RAN' 8-1 Baser (am), 0-1
Consideration. 10-1 Posh Sarce, 11-1
Hindhore, 6-5-1 Time and a Hall, Young
Forthmost, Lavourite Buey. 10 ran',
1011:1 Win. 16p; places, 10n. 21p,
20g; dual forcess, 47p. K. Hogg, al
Bontitle, 01. 12l. Just Gold, Lost Gauss
did not run.
20 (1.2) HOBY HURDLE (2014; 2m)
Sargey Call, or 9, by Town GreenForch Laughter (Ar G. Torking10n. 5-11-0 J. Mullen (22) 1271
Nath Bonsey, b 1 My Yels Rake—
Sarge Call, or 9, by Town GreenSarge Chillen (22) 1271
Nath Bonsey, b 1 My Yels Rake—
Sarge Chillen (22) 1271
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Sarge Chillen (22) 1271
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Nath Rake Chillen (22) 1271
Nath Bonsey, b 1 My Hels Rake—
Nath Bonsey, b 1 My H

Catterick Bridge today

12.30 CINDERBLLA STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £204: 2m) | 000201 | Marcla's Mark (GD) | J. Herry | Waller | Lip | January | Lip | Li 1.0 MOTHER GOOSE HURDLE (Div I: £204: 2m) O Prival Hodge, I. Jordon, 5-11-12.

2-1200 Styjack, Lidy A. I-floward, 5-11-12.

Don Borrado, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-13.

OCO-13 Lido Light (CD), G. Lion, 4-11-13.

OCO-14 Lido Light (CD), G. Lion, 4-11-13.

OCO-15 Lido Light (CD), G. Lion, 4-11-13.

OCO-16 Lido Light (CD), G. Lion, 4-11-13.

OCO-17 Duy, S. Lidi, 4-10-12.

OCO-18 Lido Light (CD), G. Lion, 4-11-13.

OCO-19 Duy, S. Lidi, 4-10-12.

OCO-19 Duy, S. Lidi, B. Li Eastern American, 4-1 Udo Light, 6-1 Willow Walk, 9-1 Dax, 15-2 Date 0, 4-1 Kero Code, 12-1 Miss Millord, Bling King, 29-1 others. 1.30 SCOTCH CORNER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £540)

3m 300yds)

2-0p301 Half Hooked, J. Calvert, R-10-1 B. Heigher
042122 Sparkle Again (CD), to Lamb, R-10-6 Mr. Lamb
042123 Sparkle Again (CD), to Lamb, R-10-6 Mr. Lamb
172-341 Tab, K. Ollver, S-10-6 C. T. Inkler
3413-31 Vagan's Treet, A. Corner, b-20-0 P. Hron'srick
Conveys, J. Fitzperald, 12-10-2 J. O'Netil
Conveys, J. Fitzperald, 12-10-2 T. Skikinglan
443 Master Val (CD), W. A. Sipphenson, 7-10-0 T. Skikinglan
1-1 Sparkle Again, 5-1 Half Hooked, 4-1 Tab, 11-2 Vulgan's Front, 5-1 Master
1-1 Sep Count, 20-1 Conveys. 2.0 ROBINSON CRUSOE STEEPLECHASE (£272: 2m) 1 2220-01 Easty Abboy (0). M. F. Lasterby, 7-12-5. R. Harry
2 00p-1f Tatters Inn (CO). J. Howie, 6-12-5. R. Harry
4 p00234 Hilda's Hurricane (D). S. Palmer, 6-11-12. J. Marshall 7
6 41 Kentish Pride, N. Grunn, 6-11-12. P. Beckley
10 p-000 Geograf Crisis, M. Naughtion, 5-11-5. M. Dakin on
12 p00100 Cosmoor Maid, A. Eastman, 4-10-4. D. Mortin, 6-10-10 000033

Evens Easby Abboy, 1-3 Hilda's Hurricane, 5-1 Tatters, Inn, 8-1 Kentish Pride,
12-1 Cosmoor Maid, 16-1 Never Thore, 25-1 General Crisis.

2.30 DICK WHITTINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £524: 2m) 

3.0 MOTHER GOOSE HURDLE (Div II: £204: 2m) 00304<u>-0</u>

Hop Pole, F. Wiles, e-11-12
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Kerry Bluo, Lgdy A. F-Howard, 7-11-12
Pearine Boy, I. Jurdon, 6-11-12
Straight Lemen, A. Dickinson, 6-11-12
Straight Lemen, A. Dickinson, 6-11-12
King's Mussar W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-8
Anthony's Fancy, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-8
Arthurs Choice, G. Roothman, 4-10-12
Dark Island, Denys Smith, 4-10-12
Fat Georgius, R. Hollimshead, 4-10-12 S. Wites 7
D. Atkins
P. Hroderick
A. Brown 7
K. Holison 7
M. Dickinson
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P. Mangan
J. Armstrang 5
D. Goulding
C. Ashury
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Catterick Bridge selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.30 Any Prince. 1.0 Willow Walk. 1.30 Tab. 2.0 Easby Abbey. 2.30
Marcus Lady. 3.0 Kerry Blue

Catterick Bridge tomorrow 12.45 FINGALL HURDLE (£340: 2m) 1.15 RICHMOND STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £501: 2m)

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2 14-232 Glarwille (D), A. Dickinson, 8-11-5 Mi. Dickinson of the control of the cont ### 1909 | Black Tudor (D), G. Kindersley, 7-10-10 | W. Shoomark | 1909 | Black Tudor (D), G. Kindersley, 7-10-10 | W. Shoomark | 1909 | Black Tudor (D), G. Kindersley, 7-10-10 | W. Shoomark | 1909 | Black Tudor (D), R. Kindersley, 7-10-10 | W. Shoomark | 1909 | Black Tudor (D), R. Kindersley, 7-10-10 | Mr. K. Cr. & S. Obe-O Pangeon (D), W. Whiston, 10-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | Black Tudor (D), F. Armytose, 11-10-10 | R. Chamboon | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crists, M. Naughton, 6-10-10 | R. F. Divido | 1909 | General Crist 1.45 ZELLAND STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £659: 3m 300yds)

1 2700-01 Denchill (C), 4. Dickinson, 3-12-6. M. Dickinson

2 pod-011 Westername, 10 (CD), D. Liectain, 8-11-1. M. Dickinson

2 00-12 Westername, Clark (February 1988)

5 00-2103 Segme-State, 1. Carr. 12-10-9. Mr D. Caretre

5 47140-4 Ernic Wittshire (CD), C. Lamb, 9-10-4. Mr R. Lamb

7 22-3344 Another Rainbow (C), A. Councy, 7-10-3. P. Brokes

8 pf0-003 Colley Mit. W. Whiston, 12-10-1. R. F. Davies

7-3 Donochill, 4-1 Wolverhainston, 11-2 Another Rainbow, 8-1 Lingus, 10-1

Weathervand, 13-1 Ernic Wittshire, 14-1 Colley Mit. 2.15 BARTON HURDLE (Handicap : £544 : 3m 300yds)

2.45 CAMP STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £408: 3m 300yds) 2.45 CAMP STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £408: 2m 300yds)

1 40-12e1 Cambatel, W. A. Stephenson, 6-12-10

2 6-000-1 Porthologe, W. L. Walls, B-12-5

3 500227 Fashion Man, F. Stenner, 7-12-6

3 22-0033 Fashion Man, F. Stenner, 7-12-0

5 0404-32 Edition Man, F. Stenner, 7-12-0

6 0200-20 Research, A. Walson, 7-12-0

7 0-4003 Till Drig, R. Cross, 7-12-0

10 03- Crimin, A. Dickinson, 1-12-0

10 03- Crimin, A. Dickinson, 7-12-0

11 0000-p River Valley, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-5

15-F. Cantabet, 7-2 Till Brig, 9-2 Trigallu, 6-1 Kelton Ltd, 8-1 Even Now, 14-1

Portholme, 12-1 Rossman, 15-1 others.

3.15 STAND HURDLE (5-y-o: Novices: E340: 2m)

Fontwell Park

Prince Twenty, b p. by lactuate Zalia (Mr K. 1907); 1:10-2 (Zalia (Mr Z. Tulton); 8-12-1 (Zalia (Mr Z. Zalia (Mr Z. Z

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Miller Boy, b s. by Millage—
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First Footing, b g, by Primers—
Mr. P. Felgalo (20-1), 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Birnfall, 14-1 Plan
Wolf (4th), 33-1 Tortwicth, Mochierstown, Moonlight Guideler, So-1 Prean
of Armagh, Gold Plan, Locky Gray, 11
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10 TE; Who, 27c; places, 12n, 12n,
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TOTE DOUBLE: Little Araty, Conrecorded, '16-55' TRUBLE: Banny Latt,
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Call, Freeyof, Miller Boy, 24,00.

12.45 (12.6) LITTLEHAMPTON STEEPLECHASE (Nandicap) 0403:

John Williams (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: '62 Master Rutcher
(4th), 6-1 Neutucky Fair, 13-1 Bredger,
(2th) Carter Wood, 7 ran,
(2th) Carter Master, 10-1 Bredger,
(2th) Carter, 13-1 Bredger,
(2th)

Leicester selections

Cheltenham selections

Devon and Exeter selections

1.15 | 1.1461 BRIGHTON HURDLE (2500) added, about 2m 11. Winners (2500) added, about 2m 11. Winners (2500) archaese. (h. b. Sparion Grand-Loridep Parly (Alex R. Champion (5-2) It fav. R. Champion (5-2) It fav. R. Champion (5-2) It fav. Maiala, u. f. by Visit IV— in-copila (Vir G. Brunton). L.151 (Alex Proposition of Comp. L. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas Edwards. (10-1) a. (h. Champion (5-2) It fav. Thomas ( 

Stratford-on-Avon programme today | Cheltenham tomorrow

12.45	EVES	HAM HURDLE (4y-o : £710 : 2m 200yd)
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ij	000	Albergian, D. Nicholson, 11-0
17	pb332	Battyloje, S. Mellur, 11-0  J. Gle
ij	003	
13	42342	First Footman, W. Marsbell, 11-9 W. S. Forlorn Raid, L. Kennard, 11-9 . A Ann Hram Maxim, f. Ring, f. 11-9
17	0	Richo's Melody. P. Laylor, 13-0 A. Carrol
	Dog kao*i ≀⊶	Spring Fashlon, G. Rouney, 11-0 Mr T. Honney orn Haid, 5-1 Engl Value, 5-1 Banuk's Queen, 8-1 Ballyl
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1.15	WORT	HINGTON E STEEPLECHASE (Novices: 1920: 21

1 110-111 Isle of Man (D) 1 Walty 1, 6-12-5 W. Smith 01-211 Telmaint, 1, Re hart 0-12-1 J. Descript 1 J. Descript

1.50 BASS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,666: 4m) 

1.40 J. B. ROWE STEEPLEUNASE (HARRICAP: 2510: 54m)
2 1-07090 Maniphe, Miss S. "puris, 10-11-1: N. Wakley
3 0-03090 Octobro Groom (CD), G. Vardioy, 11-11-10 D. Cartwright
1 pf10-43 Grock Warrior (CD), J. Securing, 11-11-10 U. D. Cartwright
5 2210-40 Knocktaran, G. Huisby, 6-11-0 K. R. Evans
200-002 Norwell, J. Low, 7-11-1 Mr Inneel, S. Holland
15 p0001-3 Swindon Lane, P. Revan, 14-10-1 Mr Inneel, S. Holland
5-2 Grock Warrior, 7-2 Maniphe, 4-1 Doblins Green 6-1 Knockturian, Flora 2.25 CARLING BLACK LABEL HURDLE (£1,209: 2m 200yd) 

1 p Feathered Arrow, B. Savare, 12-7 P. Cullis 1 00-041 King Nepture (D), R. Turnell, 10-7 A. Turnell 03-004 James (D), R. Turnell, 10-7 A. Webber 7 022021- Gampden, C. Miller, 10-0 D. Cartwreght 3004-00 Wetsher (D), R. Harris, 10-0 J. Bealon 7 0200-00 Aperduct, R. Payn., 10-0 N. Flanson 3 1 402302 Unavailable (CD), H. Nicholson, 10-0 J. Suthern 10-03 Outcapensy, R. Openne, 10-0 J. Barlow 7 15 06-3004 Ceiton Coon, S. Brootshaw, 10-0 J. Barlow 7 15 Nick Nicholson, 10-0 J. Barlow 7 15 Nick Nicholson, 10-0 J. Barlow 7 15 Nick Nicholson, 10-0 J. Barlow 7 15 Office Research 10-0 J. Barlow 10-3.0 LECKHAMPTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £510: 2m) 1 1-40311 Brantridge Farmer (D), F. Walt in, 7-12-9 W Smills 2 113-011 O Mandado, D. Nicholson, 8-12-1 J. King 1 100-004 Far Smart. S. Mollor, E-17-10 J. Glover C-0-0320p Romanus, F. Rumell, c-17-11 J. Constant Constant

5-1 Brantridge Farmer, 7-1 I'm Smart, Romanus, 25-1 Saint-Lo. 25-1 Saint-Lo. 3.30 NORTHLEACH OPPORTUNITY HURDLE (Handicap: £488 : 2m 200yd) L486 : 2m ZUUyd)

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Dev	on	and Exeter tomorrow
12.15 S	ANE m 40	PFORD HURDLE (Div I: Part I: novices: £340: bvd)
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21 0 Tussore, L. Coltrell, 7-11-7

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10 0-0000 Rabra (CD), R. Keenor, 12-10-10 P. Warner
11 0-00002 Rabra (CD), R. Keenor, 12-10-10 P. Warner
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# The Times review of the year













Disaster strikes late: two bodies half buried in the debris after a bomb attack on the Mulberry Bush public house in Birmingham. And in the year Halle Selassie was deposed, hungry peasants wait pathetically for government grain.

# Of princes, prawns and petro-dollars

of the pussible overthrow of one's own modest security and credit, or of death itself, and more his fall resounds. More care to settle for. than most years, 1974 gained its ings and repercussions of a discovered the power of their single event, the resignation of President Nixon. It took him so long to go. Sometimes it cession of judgments, sub-poenas, defiances and conces-scoop Jackson and the indomitseemed as if the intricate sucaccompaniment to the business of world politics. Alternately listless and feverish, Mr Nixon endured what was in a sense the most conspicuous ignominy that any man has ever had to face, all the time apparently feeling himself injured and misjudged. Then the infection of the atmosoon threatened to en-Mr Ford, whom the nation had been so eager to well of when he became

While Nixon suffered, much the business of state went by default, particularly within the United States, but also internationally, where other countries were not willing to deal with a lame duck President. One result was the extraordinary ascendancy gained by Mr Kissinger, who appeared to have a more durable stature and a greater command of events than the President himself. Bustling in pursuit of compromise round and round the world, he knocked together a series of understandings between parties so incompatible that only his fall of the colonels in Greece, cobbling them up again kept old enmittes from bursting out When it was seen that he had not after all worked miracles. his credit, and hence his power to persuade, began to wane. The most brilliant of his mediations. that between Israel and her Arab neighbours, had been so for undermined by the end of the year that yet another war there seemed all too possible.

This was a common pattern everywhere in 1974. A great deal state of affairs bore a remarkclose resemblance to what centaining two elections, four was a period of two months, that rifts and intrigues among budgets (one from Mr Barber, while Britain lacked a majority their leaders were followed

the imagination with an image for a generation, ended as it had begun with pitfling regulations save petrol, record levels of inflation and trade deficit. bombs in London and anxiety the mightier the prince, the about what the miners might

The oil consuming nations a flavour from the foreshadow- whole year after the Arabs had weapon, had scarcely begun to come to terms with the new economic order. In the EEC, the whole question of British memsions had become a permanent able Solzhenitsyn (and of the Soviet leaders themselves to appear genial while under the necessity of finding employment for the vast battle-fleets decreed by Khrushchev after Cuba, which were just coming into service and making a most trucu-lent impression), all seemed to leave the country as oppressive as ever, and as hard to get out of (unless, like Solzhenitsyn, you wanted to stay). In Spain General Franco at last relinquished the reins of power, and soon afterwards took them up again. President Makarios fled from a coup in Cyprus, and some time later returned in triumph, But many changes were real as well as apparent. The island to which the archbishop re-

turned, as benignly composed and seemingly as sure-footed as ever, was sadly different from now what it had been. The conduct of the liberating Turks soon extinguished any reviving tendency to expect international politics to be romantic. National politics were enother matter: the folkes of Cyprus led to the efforts in constantly one of the two great events in the year that simply lifted up the heart. The equally sudden overthrow of dictatorship in Portugal was more ambiguous, Whatever may be in store for cessfully made law. Portugal itself, its retreat from the colonies set in motion changes in Rhodesia and South Africa that seemed beyond hop-

ing for a year ago. Nixon was only one of the year's many falling princes. Haile Selassie, deposed once by happened, yet in the end the Mussolini and restored, was happened, yet in the end the Mussolini and restored, was trate of affairs bore a remark-deposed again, and even the keeper of the imperial lions turned against him. Pompidou Eritain a period of 12 months died, Brandt resigned; there stature of the unions meant

The fall of princes is one of three from Mr Healey), and the administration, within which the archetypal themes. It fires most abrupt reversal of policies Israel, France, West Germany and Italy were each without a head of government. They con-tioued their characteristic courses until successors were found, and thereafter. Two Miss Worlds also lost their crowns, and attracted as many headlines

> The fall of Edward Heath was a romantic one. The glitter of breastplates and the thunder of cavalry has not been heard as clearly in British politics for many a year as when he sought the acclamation of the realm to sustain his contest with the barons of the NUM and ASLEF. It was the election of the three-day week and the state of emergency, and it confronted Lenin's fundamental question of directly than seemed to the British taste quite proper. We are still too much involved with its consequences to make an historical judgment on its rights and wrongs. We might have landed as deep in the soup if it had gone the other way. The judgment of the electorate was that they were not enlisting on either side in a class war. The outcome was ambiguous; the stricken leader swallowed his pride and blew on his horn to summon help. The Liberal Party heard the note from afar, disputed urgently among themselves, and pressed on in quest of a Liberal -majority, saying We can't go back for Ted

The period that followed was in its way exhilarating Mr Wilson, all his bounce suddenly restored, perceived accurately that he was in a position to do almost as be liked as long as his opponents feared another election more than he did. The Industrial Relations Act was dismantled, wage controls repudiated in principle (though gratefully relied on in prac-tice), and many Eills of moderthough wider in its effects, are contentiousness were suc-

The social contract between the Government and the TUC had some influence on the level pay claims, but not enough. did not stop industrial disputes occurring at a high rate and in categories (most notably in the hospitals) where of the Tories towards a fallen quieter ways of settling claims leader. If they simply coughed had prevailed, and where the interests of vulnerable people were endangered. The new

than those in the cabinet it- of re-establishing his sway even self. The flush of victory if the government should one aroused a disturbing tendency in some people to suppose that not only collective bargains but almost any action designed to further a socialist end should benceforth be spared the interference of the law.

In Northern Ireland the February election was a disaster. Candidates hostile to the idea of sharing power between Catholic and Protestant won so many parliamentary seats that the Sunningdale plan was doomed before it had had time to win confidence. A general strike by Protestant workers finally brought Mr Faulkner's executive down. Nobody in England had much idea what to try next, so a constitutional convear. The activities of the extremists on both sides increasingly seemed more pathological than political. More bombs exploded in England and fewer in Ulster, where sectarian murders continued. Often the victims were men and women not active in politics at all. Several members of the IRA in prison undertook hunger strikes; one, Michael Gaughan, died.

For both big parties, the dilemma of the second election of the year was the same: to convey how very bad things were, without acknowledging that one's own policies might have contributed to making them so. The Labour and Tory campaigns relied on widely diverse statistics, which proved later to have underestimated and overestimated the rate of inflation by roughly similar margins. Since wages were still amply keeping pace with prices, tones of doorn seemed rather unreal to the public, whose verdict is best interpreted as another comprehensive raspberry. Only the Scottish Nationalists fulfilled any of those stimulating prophecies of a

radical realignment of parties. But Mr Wilson was set up with a durable majority and pursued his course in a manner not more but less doctrinaire than before. Mr Heath faced the supposedly Frazerian vengeance leader. If they simply coughed and shuffled their feet, that was less an indication of his magnetism than of the absence of convincing successor. His failure to engage the affection

with more timorous attention bencher diminished his chances his judgment by resorting to wage controls again (something that still seemed far from im-Otherwise 1974 was a year

of storms, actual not meta-phorical. As we fretted over our future sources of colossal forces blustered away overhead untapped, overwhelming yachts and trawlers. It was year of trivial shortages sugar, salt, bottles, toilet paper, anything that rumour happened to mention. Two Vermeers were separately stolen, in case for mercenary ends, and both were blessedly recovered While the Kenwood Player" was missing, attend-ances doubled as people flocked to see the gap on the wall. In Scotland a girl who had illtreated some prawns was acquitted of cruelty to animals on the taxonomically indefensible ground that the unfortunate beasts were insects. In Windson a giraffe which had found that drugs brought no relief to its responding to acupuncture. In Zaire, Mohammed Ali regained his rightful crown as world heavyweight champion, an occasion of unalloyed satisfaction up to the moment he opened his mouth.

The puzzles of the year

remained mostly unsolvedpetro-dollars, famine, Ulster, Israel and the rest Many reliable old principles of action were discredited-in particular the tenet of economists that inflation and recession were alternatives, between which there should be room to steer a course. The most venerable institutions showed themselves falliible. Even the Ordnance Survey issued a new series of which was fiercely attacked by mountaineers for using insufficiently dissimilar Co-operative dotted lines to denote footpaths certain administrative boundaries. Travellers supposing themselves to be on some reliable path might find themselves walking off precipices or surrounded by quaking bog. In such a year, however, it might seem that whatever such maps lacked in utility, they more

blance to the world as it actually seemed to be. George Hill

than made up in their

# Diary of the year

2 Mr Vic Feather, former general secretary of the TUC, and Sir Burke Trend, top civil servant, were made life peers in the New Year

Jeremy Cartland, the British schoolteacher accused in France of the murder of his father, was freed from prosecution in Britain.

The Council of Ireland was rejected by the Ulster Unionist Council. Bombs exploded at the Boat

Madame Tussaud's in Lon-In Northern Ireland, Mc Brian Faulkner, the Chief Executive, resigned his leadership of the Unionist

Show, Earls Court, and

Party. The Department of Energy was set up under Conservative Minister Lord Carring-

12 The Arab Islamic Republic was announced through the union of Libya and Tunisia. The energy crisis and threeday week led to about 21

million people unemployed or on short-time working.

A one-day national strike by Aslef, the train drivers union, paralysed all rail transport. Industrial action, which had continued since December 12, was called off on February 11 to assist the Labour Party during the general election campaign.

Centre Point, the skyscraper office block which has stood empty in central London since 1963, was occupied by demonstrators. Its ownership was transferred to the Society in December. In Egypt, at Kilometre 101. Israeli and Egyptian chiefs of staff signed a disengagement pact after the October

The Conservative Government announced the resumption of arms deliveries to the Middle East.

trade agreement was signed between Britain and Yale University announced that the Vinland map

about 1440 and showing the earliest representative of American continent,

may be a forgery. The Commonwealth Games in New Zealand were attended by the Queen and other members of the Royal Family.

Gunmen killed two Roman Catholic workmen and injured others in a burst of fire in a roadside hut in A Pan-American Boeing crashed in Samoa with the

loss of over 90 lives.

February

1 Two hundred and twenty people died in an office block fire in Sao Paulo. Brazil.

Arab terrorists threatened to blow up a Greek cargo ship unless Palestinians sentenced to death for an actack on Athens airport last year were released. The Greek government capitulated to the terrorists.

The IRA planted a bomb in a coach carrying servicemen and their families along the M62 motorway from Manchester to Carterick. Twelve people were killed. Judith Ward was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment for the crime on

November 4. 6 Armed terrorists in Kuwait seized hostages at the 27 Japanese Embassy there and demanded that Japan provide a plane to bring their stranded comrades from Singapore. These demands were met and the terrorists flew to Aden two days later.

A General Election was announced for February 28 and Parliament was dissolved. The island of Grenada beame an independent state

within the Commonwealth. Skylab III, the United States orbiting space labora-tory, splashed down in the Pacific with its crew of three, ending an 84 day mission.

The coal miners' national strike started at midnight in support of a pay claim after three months of industrial John Pouison, architect and George Pottarger, civil rervast, ware samebood to five years' imprisonment for corruption. (Foulson was jailed for a further seven years to run concurrently

A £2.5m offer to the miners to end their strike by a group of industrialists was rejected by the NUM. Petrol prices rose by Sp a gallon and bread by lp.

Electricity voltage cuts began as a result of the miners' strike. The British fishing trawfe Gaul vanished at sea with the probable loss of 36 of. her crew.

Alexander Solzhemisyn, Russian writer, was ev-pelled from the Soviet Union and deprived of his citizenship. Birmingham Breadcasting,

the first English commer-

cial radio station outside

London, began transmis-Pakistan recognized Bangladesh, in an announcement pefore the Islamic summit

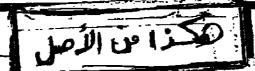
conference in Lahore. A £1m painting. Vermeer's Guitar Player, was stolen from Kenwood House, Lonlon. It was recovered on

A record British trade deficit of £383m for January was announced.

In Ethiopia the government resigned as the army took control of Asmara, Ethio pia's second largest city-Lieutenant Calley, the American army officer jailed for complicity in the My Lai massacre in Viernam, was released on bail. His conviction was quashed on September 25.

America agreed to resume diplomatic relations with The General Election re ulted in a stalemate with Labour 301 seats. Conservatives 296 seats, Liberals 14 seats and others 24 seats.

March Janie Jones, a 36 year ord cabaret singer, at the conclusion of a celebrated trial,



involving prostitution, was sentence at the Oh Bailey to sever years, inprisonment. Scialso October 18.

U Ne Viu became first Presidentof the Socialist Republic f Burm. A Turkis DC1 airliner crashed acth of Paris killing some 44 pople, the

& Mr Edwar Heth. Conservative Prine Muister, resigned and M Harold Wilson acceed the premiership to form a minority Labour govern- 17

The Labour ! Cainet included Mr loy Tenkins, Home Secetary Mr Michael Foot Secreary of State for Enployment, Mr Denis Healty, Chicellor of the Exchequer ad Mr. James Callighan, breign

Secretary. The Pay Board reper on wages relativities was pub-lished and the macra' executive accepted a £03m wages sattlement. York was resuned on Maro 11 after a bur weeks' top-

page. Emergeny regulators ended and Britain returned to a fiv:day week. The buthers Littlejon, bank obbers and selconfessed spies.

from pison in Dublin. Some 150 vehicles were damagd and five people killed in a multiple acci dent n fog on the MI motor ay in Northamptonshire.

15 A new President of Brazil 100k -General Erneso Geisel.

The rice of oil fixed by the eporting countries was froze for a further three 29 monts from April 1.

An mbargo on oil shipment to the United States was ifted by the Arab scates

A goernment subsidy of 30 £21m was announced to peg te price of bread. Princes Anne and her husbad, Captain Mark Phillis, were attacked in their ar in The Mall by an arme man.

21 Diploratic relations were resured between America and Seden.

New judget measures in clude increased pensions and bod subsidies. Taxawas increased £1,40GL

Technal aid and arms sales b Britain to Chile were supended.

Pictures were received; from: the American Mariner10 space probe as it neard the planet Mercury. Iore pictures were

0 Moreun and Murcun and gallery charges, ptroduced by the Conservave government three moths earlier, were abolished:

Publicatio of the Scottish Daily Expess and other Beaverbrok newspapers in Glasgow one to an end.

\pri 1 The new Ital government organization outside organizatio outside Greater Loton amalgamating many councils into larger uni, came into effect.

Britain presided an official demana to the EEC for the regotiation of Britain's ters of member-

3 President Non promised to pay \$40000 in back

4 Tornadoes in North America were aid to have killed at least ?0 people. & The command of Otterburn army trining camp in the north f England was shot dead a his home. Two IRA superters re-ceived life imrisonment

9 In Delhi agreem was reached for the clease of 200 Pakistani prioners of

for the murder n Novem-

war. Mrs Golda feir Prime Minister of Isriel, an-nounced her resignation, staying on inoffce until her successo, General Itzhak Rabin, suld form a

The Annan comittee inquiring into 1e future pattern of broatsting was set up. An amnesty r illegal immigrants int Britain

who had arrived before 1973 was announced. Israel roided villages in the Lebanon in reprisal measures for the previous day's attacks by Palestine terror-ists who killed 18 people

a block of flats at

Kiryat Shemona. The sale of warships to Chile by the Labour government was criticized by Mr Bric Il. fer. Minister of State for Industry.

worst air dastern history. 15 In Niger a military coup Mr. Edwar Heth. Con- overthrew President Diori Hamani, and Lieutnumt-Colonel Serni Kountie declared himself Chief of Stare.

The longest surviving liver | 2. Tansolant patient. Winifred Smith, died after five years.

The government provided a £100m loan to the building societies.

In the South African election the Nationalist Party was returned with an increased majority.

The Portuguese government was overthrown by a milicoup headed General Spinola.

Further corruption charges in the north east of England following the senience on John Poulson led to the imprisonment of T. Dan Smith, former chairman of the Northern Economic Planning Council, and Andrew Cunningham, former Durham CC chairman. Paintings worth over eight million pounds were stolen from the home of Sir Alfred Beit in Eire. (Dr Rose Dugdale was later joiled for nine years for the theft and

the paintings recovered.) In the Watergate hearing Mr John Mitchell, former United States Attorney-General, was cleared of all charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

A Royal Commission was announced to study problems in community service arising from clashes between public duty and private interests.

A new labour relations Bill was published calling for the abolition of the Industrial Relations Court. The Queen of Denmark arrived on a state visit.

A Royal Commission on the Press was established under the chairmanship of Mr Justice (Sir Morris) Finer. (He died in December.) In the London borough

elections the Conservatives swept the board with 131 gains against Labour's 148 losses. The AUEW refused to obey

an order of the Industrial Relations Court relating to the Con-Mech award and an order was made for the seizure of assets.

6 Herr Willy Brandt resigned from the Chancellorship of West Germany following the discovery that his per-sonal assistant had been spying for the East.

The AUEW began a national strike over its dis pute with the Industria! Relations Court but called it off after an anonymous

donor paid the fine. In Canada the Liberal Government under M Pierre Trudeau was de-feated and a general election was called.

An increase in the subsidy on bread to a total of £52m a year was announced. 10

Erendan Hughes, Provisional IRA leader on the run after escaping from the Maze prison, was recap-

tured. A national referendum in Italy resulted in a substanvote in favour of the right to divorce.

Nurses demonstrated in Hyde Park for more pay.

(A pay rise of 30 per cent was announced on Septem-

In the Israeli village of Maalor, 21 children held hostage by Arab terrorists lost their lives when Israeli roops stormed the school building where they were held. A Protestant workers' general strike began in

Ulster. Ronald Milhench, detained by police in connexion with a letter bearing the forged Minister, was given bail. He was charged with forgery on July 3, and sentenced to three years' imprisonment on November 8. Increases in armed forces pay were announced.

Herr Helmur Schmidt hecame Chancellor of West Germany.

Three car bombs exploded in the centre of Dublin, killing 25 people.

The second secon

Finish Davey, the British boy jailed in Turkey since 1971, for drug smuggling, was released in an aumesty. India exploded a nuclear device near the borders with Pakistin. 19

A bomb exploded at Heathrow airport.
In the French presidential election following the death of President Pompidou, M was elected.

The plan to establish a Council of Ireland was postponed. London was the venue for

talks between Portugal and anationalist leaders of 15 nationalist leaders of Guinea Bissau. The former colony was recognized as an independent state by Portugal on September 10. The crippling strike of Protestant workers in Northern Ireland continued Mr Brian Faulkner, Chief Minister of the Northern

Ireland Executive, resigned leading to the collapse of 17 the Executive. Northern Ireland The Assembly was suspended by the British Government and direct rule established from

Westminster. The strikers began a return to work. Israel and Syria sinned a pact of military disengage-

An explosion and fire at a 19 chemical plant in Flix-borough, Lincolnshire, killed 29 people. The village was reduced to ruins.

An Irish hunger-striker, Michael Gaughan, died in Parkhurst prison. On June 7 a demonstration march of IRA sympathizers followed his coffin through London. Marion and Dolours Price.

iailed for the London car bombings, ended their hunger strikes which started on May 18. Retailers agreed to control prices of essential food-stuffs until March 1975.

President Nixon began his Middle East tour in Cairo. Fighting between rival groups and the police during a demonstration in Red Lion Square, London led to the death of Kevin Gately, a Warwick univer-

sity student. France exploded a nuclear device in the Pacific protests despite Australia and New Zealand. Westminster Hall was damaged and eleven people in-

jured in a bomb explosion. A plan for coal industry 18 development costing some £1,400 million passed the House of Commons.

20 A banyon the treatment of private patients in National Health Service hospitals from July 1 was imposed by COHSE (Confederation of Health Service Employees) in support of a wage claim. On July 2 room service in Charing Cross hospital to private patients was halted by members of the National Union of Pub-

lic Employees. A so-called list of companies due for state control including ICI and British Leyland was revealed by 30 Mr Eldon Griffiths.

Railway fares rose by 12} per cent to 15 per cent. On the following day first class postal charges were increased by 1p to 41p and

second class by 1p to 31p. Nationalization plans for Court Line, the shipping and travel firm, were announced by Mr A. Wedg

wood Benn. Following his European tour, President Nixon tour. President arrived in Russia. Nixor He concluded a nuclear

tests agreement on July 2. General Peron died on July 1 and Senora Peron was confirmed as interim president of Argentina.

In Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs Alberta King, mother of Martin Luther King, who was assassinated in 1968, was herself shot dead during a church service.

President Nixon returned to United States and to Watergate after his Middle East and Russian visits.

A gunman who had been stopped by a police patrol car near Caterham, Surrey, shot and killed one policeman and wounded two others.

British Rail reported a doubled deficit for 1973 of

In the Canadian elections. M Pierre Trudeau had an overall majority of 18 seats. Dr Rudolf Kirchschlager was sworn in as President of Austria.

A White Paper on United Kingdom ofishore oil and gas proposed the extension North Sea oil field through a British national oil curporation.

In connexion with the Watercate affair, John Ehrlichman, the former president's adviser, was found guilty of conspiracy and perjury. He was sen-tenced later to between 20 months and five years imprisonment.

Great interest was aroused by the statement of Profes-sor Douglas Bevis of Leeds university that three test-tube babies were living. A military coup in Cyprus overthrew the Makarios regime and a former EOKA regime and a total sampson, leader, Mr Nicos Sampson, cock over. President took over. Presider Makarios fled to Malta.

Forty people were injured and one killed in a bomb explosion at the Tower of London.

The Covernment nounced the shelving of the plan to build a third London airport at Maplin, Essex. The Pay Board was abol-

end of statutory incomes Two Soviet cosmonauts returned to earth in Russia after a two week flight in

Salyut 3. Turkey invaded Cyprus near Kyrenia. The following day Greece sent an ultimatum to Turkey to withdraw her troops within 48 hours. A ceasefire, with Turkish troops lodged firmly inland, took effect on July 22. On July 23, Mr Nicos Sampson was replaced as Cyprus President by Mr Glafkos Clerides, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

signed on July 30. In an outbreak of cholera in Portugal 541 cases were reported of which 11 died. The July budget measures included a cut of 2 per cent in value added tax to !

A ceasefire agreement was

8 per cent. British Rail drivers and guards were awarded pay rises of up to 30 per cent by an arbitration tribunal. President Nixon was ordered by the Supreme Court to hand over the 64 tapes of his Watergate discussions. The first Article of Impeachment of the President was passed on

July 27. The government offered £1.75m under certain conditions to workers in Glasgow planning a newspaper to be printed on the Beaverbrook plant unused since the closedown of operations in Scotland. Next day £4.95m was offered to assist a workers' co-operative in a Meriden motor-cycle factory, British fishing rights off Iceland were upheld by the

International Court of Tustice. Ian Smith's Rhodesian Front party won all 50 seats in the House of Assembly in the country's

general election.

August

The worst flooding in Bangladesh for 20 years continued for two weeks and the death toll reached 2,000 by mid August.

The rent rebels of Clay Cross, Derbyshire, who had refused to increase council house rents had their fine upheld by the High Court. Later the government re-fused to rescind the fines retrospectively.

8 During renewed fighting in Cyprus a BBC cameraman was killed by a landmine. A white paper was pub-lished setting out the Labour government's plans for a wealth tax.

After the endless conflicts of Watergate and the threat of impeachment, President

Nixon resigned, to be succeeded by the vice-President, Mr Gerald Ford. A number of plans for private armies to run the country or provide essential services in the event of a collapse of the administration were announced at this time, including citizens'

action groups formed by General Sir Walter Walker and Colonel David Stirling. The Soviet News Agency reported the deaths of eight women climbers attempting the 23,000 foot Lenin Peak in the Pamirs.

The second series of peace talks on Cyprus failed and fighting broke out again around Famagusta. A ceasefire was called on August 16. On August 26 the Turks issued a 20 day ultimatum to the Greek leaders to esume tallis.

Court Line travel, whose shipping interests were the subject of nationalization plans in June, went into liquidation causing chaos among 100,000 holiday makers who had booked with Court Line's Horizon and Clarksons subsidiaries. The government announced an inquiry on August 21. The Brazilian girl friend of creat train-robber Ronald Biggs gave birth to a child which meant that under

Brazilian law, Eiggs could not be extradited to return to prison in England. The Scottish Labour Party voted to press for Scottish home rule, reversing a previous vote. Abla Khairi, an Egyptian girl of 13, became voungest person to swim the English Channel when she crossed in 121 hours. Nineteen IRA prisoners escaped from Portlaoise top-security prison in Eire.

After a compaign of over 20 years by the Society of Authors, the Government promised to introduce public lending rights involving payment to authors for books borrowed from public libraries. The United States ambassa-

dor to Cyprus, Mr Rodger P. Davies, was killed during demonstration outside the United States embassy. Mr Nelson Rockefeller was 20 chosen as United States

sion to President Ford. A sugar famine began to develop in England and a forecast of forthcoming shortages was made by Mr John Sainsbury. Price talks failed between Great Britain and exporting countries on December 16. See also October 12.

Guinea-Bissau became inde-26 pendent as a result of an agreement with the Portuquese Government ending four centuries of colonial

A bomb in a Tokyo office building killed eight people and injured some three bundred.

The social contract between the Government and trade unions received a blow when the engineering workers refused to abide by it. s hundred and twenty four people were killed in a railway accident at Zagreb

September

in Yugoslavia.

General Franco who had entered hospital in July and provisionally handed over power to Prince Juan Carlos, his designated successor, resumed full duties as Spanish Head of State. Mr Edward Heath's yacht, Morning Cloud, sank in

heavy seas in the English Channel with the loss of two lives. Poor liaison between welfare departments was a fac-tor in the death of Maria Colwell, a seven-year-old child who was illtreared while in the care of her mother and stepfather, according to the official in-

quiry. Sir Keith Joseph in a widely-reported speech criticized the inflationary policies of previous Labour and Conservative adminis-

Heavy rioting in Lourenco Marques marked the signing of an agreement between the Frelimo movement and the Portuguese government for the independence of Mozambique. The government was sworp in on government was sworn in on

September 20, with Samora Machel as president. 8 President Ford announced a pardon for Mr Richard Nixon, who resigned as United States President on

August 8. A strike at the Ford car factory at Dagenham led to the laying off of 15,000 Work was resumed on October 9.

12 During an air drop by night as part of a Nato exercise. Clarke, C. Connolly, L. Cottrell, Sir A. Cresswell, Mrs P. Cunsix Ecitish part-time soldiers 30 were drowned on landing in the Kiel Canal. Limperor Haile Selassie was deposed by the military command after ruling lithiopia for 44 years. Effective government was assumed by Lieutenant-General Aman Andom.

Japanese "Red Army "ber dits took hostages in the French embassy in the Hague, Holland, and demanded the release of a Japanese terrorist in juil in France. He was released on September 17 and the terrorists were flown to Syria.

A jet airliner was blown up by hijackers over Viet-nam and 70 people lost their lives.

In Central America the

hurricane Fifi struck Hon-duras with the reported deaths of 8,000 people and 600,000 made homeless. Continuing political man-uevres in Portugal led to the resignation of General Spinola. He was replaced by General Costa Gomes.

October The United States supply ship Florida Martin and the Finnish tanker Sword col-

lided in the North Sea and two seamen died. The Watergate coverup trial opened in Washing-

At the Maze prison in Ulster a demonstration against a ban on visitors led to unrest and a build-ing was burnt. There were more riots on October 15.

An unemployed poet. Michael Brown, shot him-self after killing three people at social security offices in Torquay.

The Zaire Expedition, tra-versing the river by boat, left London, The expedition had reached kinshasa by 14 Christmas.

Bombs exploded at two public houses in Guildford, Surrey, which were used by soldiers, killing five and injuring 65 people. See also December 1 Strikers at the Ford, Dagen. 15

ham, factory returned to work as talks were resumed on the pay offer of 38 per cent for manual workers. A hot air balloon crashed after taking off in Birmingham, killing two occupants. Dr Henry Kissinger, United States Secretary of State, commenced an extensive

Middle East countries in Cairo where he met Prestdent Sadat. Polling in the Ceneral Election returned Labour to 10 office with an overall majority of three. Scottish

series of consultations with

Nationalists increased their representation. France decided to end nuclear testing in the atmosphere, limiting trials to

Britain accepted an offer of cheap sugar from the EEC.

British space satellite UK5 was launched off the coast of Kenya. Mr Paul Foot was fined £250 for contempt of court

in revealing the names of witnesses in the Janie Jones trial in the Socialist Worker. See also March 1. : 19 Sir Keith Joseph, Shadow Home Secretary, in a speech in Birmingham attacked declining moral standards.

Yet another plan for the development of Piccadilly Circus was approved by the planning committee of the Greater London Council. Dr Henry Kissinger, United States Secretary of State, arrived in Moscow

for the start of a tour of 18 nations. Early government action was promised to pay £5 million into a thalidomide trust to offset tax on parents compensation payments. The transatlantic liner France was withdrawn from

In the chapel at Scheveningen prison in Holland, four prisoners mutinied and took 22 hostages. Following a six day siege, Dutch troops stormed the chapel and freed the hostages.

A bomb exploded under the car of the Minister of State for Sport and Recrea-tion, Mr Denis Howell, at his home in Eirmingham. An Arab summit conference was held in Rabat. attended by King Husain of Jordan and King Hassan of Morocco.

Ex-President Nixon, who had entered hospital on October 24, was in a critical condition following an operation to prevent a blood clot in his leg moving towards his heart. wards his heart.
Muhammad Ali knocked
out George Foreman at
Kinshasa, Zaire, regaining
the world heavyweight box-

Strongly adverse reaction by hospital consultants to the proposal to phase out pay beds in National Health hospitals led to a work to the North of England,

President Amin of Uganda ordered Britain to reduce its High Commission staff Britain responded by ordering the Uganda High Com-mission in London to reduce its staff to five. In a mass escape from the Maze prison in Northern Ireland all prisoners were recaptured and one shot

Covent Garden fruit and vegetable market moved to a newly built site at Nine Elms after 300 years in

central London. The Labour Government introduced the second bud-get of the year, giving £1,500m relief to industry. Petrol went up 81p a

The UN General Assembly voted to expel South and committees this session. Wolfson college, Oxford, was opened by the Rt Hon. Harold Macmillan.

The leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Yassir Arafat, addressed the UN General Assembly in New York and called for the return of the Palestinians to their homeland. Coventry,

McDade, a member of the Provisional IRA, blew himself up while placing a bomb outside the telephone exchange. Other bombs ex-ploded in Northampton and The new Archbishop of

Canterbury, Dr Donald Coggan, succeeded Dr Michael Ramsey. A general election in Greece, the first since 1967, was won by Mr Constantine

Karamanlis and the New Democratic party. 18 A journalists' strike affec red publication of many provincial newspapers. President Ford visited

Japan. Arab terrorists attacked a small Israeli town in the Jordan Valley killing four people and injuring 23 others. After they were 11 shot dead Israelis set fice to their bodies.

The first jumbo jet acci dent occurred at Nairobi rorism.

when a West German 12 The November trade deficit Lufthansa crashed into flames after take-off with the loss of 59 lives.

Bombs exploded in two bars in the centre of Birmingham killing 21 people and causing about 120 injuries. Six people appeared in court on November 24.
Arab guerrillas hijacked a British Airways VC10 at Dubai in the Persian Gulf. The hijackers and seven Palestinian prisoners who they ransomed later surrendered in Tunisia.
Mr John Stonehouse, MP. vanished after going for a swim from Miami Beach, Florida; on December 24

from detention there on the Sixty former ministers and military leaders were exe-cuted in Ethiopia. An arms limitation agree-ment was reached between President Ford and Mr Brezhnev when the United

President visited

he was reported alive in Australia and was released

State Pres. Vladivostok. In South Africa a second heart was transplanted into the chest of a 58-year-old man by heart surgeon Dr Christiaan Barnard. The abandonment of plans

for a high speed rail link between Folkestone and White Ciry, London was announced. Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Kakuei Tanaka, resigned following allegations of irregularities in his private financial dealings. A bomb demolished a pillar box in Chelsea followed by a second explosion which injured four policemen called to investigate.

The Prevention of Terror-

(Temporary Provi ism sions) Bill, was introduced into the Commons pro-scribing the IRA and giving wider powers to the police. It received Royal Assent on November 29. President of the Irish Re-public, Mr Carroll O'Daly, was appointed to succeed the late Mr Erskine

Two Irishmen were charged with the murder of Private Caroline Slater, one of the army girls killed in the bombing of the Horse and Groom public house, Guildford, on October 5. A Trans World Boeing 727. crashed into a top secret military installation near Washington, United States, alling 93 people on board. Reductions in defence expenditure amounting to 54,700m over the next 10

the Commons by Defence Secretary. Sir Don Ryder, Chairman and Chief Executive of Reed International, was appointed Industrial Adriser to the Government from December 10. A 13 m appeal to save the fabric of Canterbury cathe-

veers were announced

dral was sponsored by the Oueen. In Teheran, about 70 people were killed when the roof of Mehrabad international airport rerminal collapsed on to the crowd inside.

British Levland, in severe financial difficulties, became the subject planned state shareholding. Among 11 new life peers were Mr Anthony Barber, former Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Richard Briginshaw, general secretary of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa). Sir Hugh Cudling, head of the International Publishing Corporation, and Sir Sidney Greene, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Further discussions of a constitutional settlement for Rhodesia were held in Lusaka between African leaders and the Rhodesian

Government. Archbishop Makarios returned to Cyprus. Greece voted against the return of the monarchy and in favour of republican

government. Speed restrictions on roads and reduced hearing levels in offices and shops to take effect in the New Year were announced by the Energy Secretary, Mr Eric Varley, as efforts to conserve national fuel resources.

The House of Commons rejected by 369 votes to 217 a proposal to reintroduce the death penalty for ter-

2004m. Next day infla tion was reported as equivalent to an annual figure of 18.3 per cent.

Fire at an old people's home at Edwalton, Nortinghamshire, killed 18 elderly residents. Miss Susan Ballantine, the British student jailed in East Germany for trying to smuggle her flauce to the West, was freed after serv-

ing three months of a five year sentence. In London three bombs exploded, followed by a car homb outside Selfridges on Dec 19, and an explosion at Harrods on Dec 21. A bomb was thrown at the London residence of Mr Edward Heath on Dec 22 Petrol prices went up at

Compensation payments to the relatives of 13 men killed in Londonderry's "Bloody Sunday" riots in 1972 were announced. The Prime Minister cut back the recommendations of the Boyle Committee on the Review of Top Salaries. The Houghton Committee

midnight by approximately 10p a gallon.

recommended salary in-creases for teachers total-ling £400m. The city of Darwin, Austra-lia was wrecked by a cyclone; 45 people were killed; by the 29th, over 17,000 people had been evacuated. evacuated.

41 miners perished in an explosion in the Lens mine at Lievin, France. At least 300 people were killed in an earthquake in

29 A state of emergency was declared in Baugladesh.

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Faith will not be restored until the 'mandarins, managers and meddlers' image is dispelled

# Can the Tories win back the working class vote?

1974 are variously alleged to have arisen from the loss of popularity since the votes of the remaining English "upperclass can hardly have saved many constituencies.

Leaving aside the Celtic seats, an analysis of the English constituency figures clearly indicates that the loss of workingclass rotes was the critical factor. In the two elections in 1974 the national swing, expressed as a percentage, from Conservative to Labour, was 3.5 but in the Merseyside it v.as 6.0, in Greater Manchester 6.1, in the industrial north-east 5.6 and in Inner London 8.1. By con-

radical majority of 40 was en-tirely due to Irish, Welsh and Scottish votes". It added: "since then, every action of the Radical Government has been directed against the glories and power of England". For many years our identification with a great empire provided a wider focus for Scottish loyalries, but your least scottish loyalries, but the weakening of empire and the strengthening of centralized government in London inc.it-ably strained their desire for a continued close link with England. Only the revival of a mean-ingful patriotism will reverse the loss of Scottish seats.
For their self-preservation the

ask why they lost the working-class votes. If something like

The two Conservative defeats of two-thirds of the electorate are pioneered self-help in welfare. taken as being "working-class", the Conservatives must poll at the Conservatives must poll at spinners and weaving masters least a third of their votes to who had started at the mule and votes and the Ulster, Scottish and Welsh some This searce This sea and Welsh sears. This seems an sears largely decide which politi-unduc accoptance of blanket un-monutarity since the votes of ment Karl Marx discerned the profound conservatism of the English working-class and for over 90 years—since male fran-have recently been under-chise was combined with a fairly mined. The British Empire is even distribution of sears— now something the left has roughly half the Conservative made us feel guilty for having votes have come from them.

I grew up in a Lancashire cotton town which was traditionally working class Tory and it is interesting to analyse why the Conservative Party dominsted its life. Ordinary people found it easier to identify with the Conservatives in the 1930s because they were the party of tradition, law and order, and trast the swing in Outer London of established institutions, inwas only 2.2 while in the south-cluding the empire. People east there was actually a swing gained pride from their voting to the Conservatives of 0.4.

The loss of the Celtic seats is economically depressed years, The loss of the Celtic seats is economically depressed years, nothing new. The speeches of with a sense of greatness. Most Disraeli regularly referred to England", and one Corservative pamphlet of 1892 consoled contemporary readers that "The always had the Union Jack populated the empire, all were royalists and Tory meetings always had the Union Jack draped over the platform table. It is perhaps significant that when I wanted a Union Jack on my table at election meetings in Wembley last October, I was told by one of my members that this was the flag of the National

Many of the working-class voted Conservative because free enterprise was real to them. Big business was historically linked with the old Liberal manufacturers, but many ordinary workers saved up to buy two houses whose rents would pro-vide for their old age while their cousins often started small businesses. As Co-operative Society Conservatives must therefore members, they equated profit ask why they lost the working with the "divi" as a goal to be lauded, while the early unions As employees they knew cotton involvement, not faceless finan-

liers whom they never met.

Most of the pillars which buttressed the "angels in marble" -Disraeli's working-class Tories ever possessed. Few celebrate it as one of the most civilized and just empires ever known whose control from these small islands was a contemporary miracie. The Conservative commitment to the European Community has even enabled Labour to appear

as the patriotic party. The Conservatives have become a party of professional cioncy experts. In a disestrous local government reorganization they have unfeelingly, even rutalessly, destroyed old insti-tutions and ancient loyalties in the name of Benthamile effiwalked in procession at every excuse but now the protesters have all the best marches, while on the marriage of Princess Anne last year schools were day they would take their holiday. Thus is our past attacked and our sense of duty and pur-

rose undernined. Large-scale immigration by groups of people for economic opportunism and not political loyalty has further weakened our sense of national unity. Their effect is different from that of previous waves of political refugees who were desperately anxious to identify with our country. On lew and order the Conservatives have become progressive but not Tury. The old Tories knew by in-tinct what

Most of the pillars which buttressed the angels in marble

—Disraeli's working-class Tories—have recently been undermined?

the people they represented wanted, but there is a risk that many present Conservatives 1-National unity arises naturally where there are shared beliefs and aims; it cauno: arise when ordinary people feel that to one represents their deepes: shes or understands their

Selsdon man went wrong because it appeared to make the Conservative Party into a set of decimalized economic liberals who saw little purpose in patriotism or in man's other, noneconomic, needs. The state, however, must come first for man is still a tribal animal with doep footed emotional, political logal-

efficiency increases the power of the state and the potentialties of people, while the possesyou of private property is a heatress against arbitrary power. The state also has its role to play in legislating for minimum standards while holding the balance permeen tanhakers and tar-

Very many members of trace unions are themselves opposed to the lecreasing powers and exhittratiness of their leaders. The Conservatives were probably wrong to premise in October not to reinmoduce the Industrial Relations Act. It is not only the self-employed who see privileged trade unions as a threat both to individual free-

Nor are many of the working class wedded to the present welfare state. They see the aircraft which abound and resemt all the more the heavy invation. The memory of self-being goes deep and it was the verse of pride and self-help which buttressed the Concerning to the the Conservative tole

In education 1 have believed that there is a work believed that there is a working-class or middle-thats or a pre-class culture: there is just high culture. Great art, literature, music, philosophy and theology does not belong to any class; high culture uplifus all men who meet it. Having shood the test of time, high culture makes men greater or wiser than they would otherwise be. I would similarly argue that there is no similarly argue that there is no working-class or middle-class or upper-class Conservation but only high Toryism which will in itself lift up all its supporters to feel greater and more inalled than they are row.

In Disraeli's 1972 Crystal Palace speech, he declared that the Conservative Party had three aims: to maintain the insufficient in itself. Its prime stitutions of the country, to up-

to elevate the condition of the people. Pride in country, crown and Parliament and a dismem-berment of the juggernaut local government reorganization must creed. A good test of the "Torvism" of contenders for the Conservative leadership would be to ask if they are proposing to make herecity peers again. Secure order and firm law are part of good institutions. People feel now that whichever party is in nower the rale and the voter is ignored. If the Conservative Farty had come out last October in favour of capital punishment for terrorists, it would be the govern-

The empire of England has gone but we can at least rebuild pride in our history and in our achievements. We have endured an age of scepticism, of rutiless "knockers" of all authority, so that reasonable deferential total which gives pride and security has reen one of the victims. It reight he'p if the Conservatives looked as though they really meant to maintain the unity of the United Kingdom. It is re-treat from historic "unionism" which has already lost the Uister seats. If Wales and Scotand were to move to self-government, then England ould also demand it and a wave of fragmented, frustrated patriotism " would sweep the country which would be outside the established parties. The Conservatives would then cease to be even the English

The condition of the people will be elevated not by govern-ment-sponsored industrial mergers or nationalization or

hical virtue is that its very hold the empire of England and Wedgwood-Benn intervention lity back to individuals and families in social, educational and economic matters. The same could then be an active (but be central to the Conservative non-playing) umpire. Mr Wedgwood-Ecnn has rightly diag-nosed an ill in our people but his prescription of "political participation" is a perverted form of medievel guild. Let the Conservatives then, as last century on electoral reform, take the initiative and now Gitti people true individual pseudo-psychological experts participation. This could mean Lie voucher in education, choice o. health service schemes, choice of pensions and home ownership for council tenants. Improve the condition of people by giving them choice, and ment now. National unity is to oided and people feel that even where they lack the means to Conservative government no anger keeds their deep-felt make reasonable buys give them vouchers and money so that they too can pay their own way. Such a programme would really

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Dr Rhodes Boyson Conservative MP for Brent, . North.

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# Now the Turks must decide what to do with the part of Cyprus they won

Sombre looking Turkish troops stand guard over the forlorn flotilla of pleasure boats moored round the once picturesque Kyrenia harbour. An sustere bust of Ataturk stands in the main square, and Turkish flags flutter from the battlements of Kirenia Castle. This is the front door of Turkish

Five months after the inva-sion, the Turks have imposed their desired majority in the north of Cyprus. More than 40,000 Turkish Cypriots have filtered there from the south of the island, and the remaining 20,000 in the Greek areas are arriving at the rate of about 100 a day. With only 13,000 of the former Greek population of 160,000 in this area north of the geographic partition of Cyprus

is almost complete.

The power that 36,000 troops affords has placed the Turks in control of 49 per cent of the island. In this area they have more than 80 per cent of tourist accommodation, about 60 per cent of agricultural export potential, more than £2,000m worth of land and buildings, and more than half of the country's earning potential. Turkish Cypriots are so eager to point out to foreign visitors: "Now all the Greeks have left is their

Nevertheless, anyone asked to draw a comparison between the two areas at this stage would come to the conclusion that the Greeks were the victors and the Turks the vanquished. Faced with 200,000 displaced persons—about a third of their numbers—on top of their eco-nomic losses, the Greeks have been quick to adapt. Refugees have been absorbed into the houses of friends and relatives, into requisitioned hotels, apartment blocks and public buildings. So that today, fewer than 13,000 are refugees living in

In the north, the Turks have been slow to exploit the fruits of their victory. The bulk of the rich citrus crop has been lost and the grain producing Messaoria Plain has lain follow so that no crop can be expected for at least a year. Though the Turks boast that they will resurrect the now dead hotel trade in the north, officially condoned

Now is the time for my annual

column predicting what is going to happen to us all in the next



The Turks have the military power but have been slow to exploit the fruits of victory.

looting of deserted hotels continues. And, so bad has the Turkish record been on this score, Turkish families from the south find themselves inherit-ing vacated Greek houses stripped bare. This has sparked off another cycle of looting.

Clearly, the problems facing the Turkish administration are great. Whereas the accommodation found for Greek refugees is temporary, the resettlement of the Turks in the north is part of a campaign to ensure permanence. Housing is alloca-ted on the basis of what a Tur-kish family owned in Limassol, Larnaca, Paphos or any other of the southern towns or villages. "It is only natural that a refugee family will tell you they left behind a mansion when in fact they lived in a shack." said a member of the administration. "Hence the process of sifting is extremely important."

On top of that are the problems that partition (whether disguised in federation or not) impose. Kyrenia is the perfect example. So far the Turkish administration has flooded the town with as many as 3,500 Turkish Cypriots mostly from the Limassol area. All Greek Cyprior businesses have been taken over, and apart from the homes of the 550 Greek Cypriois who remained after the Turkish invasion, the Turks have requisitioned all the houses.
"Kyrenia is not Turkish or
Greek but is foreign also", a

Turkish Cypriot who shared a business with a Greek before the invasion said. "I like to look at it as a sort of Riviera. I don't know the Riviera, but I think in terms of a tourist town where all can feel at ease. We won the war. But the Kyrenia I see today is not the Kyrenia I wish to see. We must all sit down and decide what must be done for the future—otherwise all is lost"

As any visitor to the Turkish controlled north of Cyprus can see, it is with the Greek Cypriots that the skill in running hotels, restaurants and the like lies. The Turks have done their utmost to encourage the two main restaurants in Kyre-nia—the Harbour and the Red Shark—to get back into full swing. However, try as the respective owners may, they lack the trained staff who are now south of the dividing line. The same goes for the hotel

tion has imposed its settlement on the island. However, for the Turks more than the Greeks this solution brings difficult social problems. For instance, most of the Limassol Turks who populate Kyrenia earned

their living from the docks. Short of a twice-a-week ferry to Turkey there is no dock work in Kyrenia. Few of the immigrants have savings, and live on a meagre dole. And since there is a strong force of dock workers in Famagusta, now in Turkish hands, it is un-likely they could find jobs

The fact remains that in the

Greek administered south there is every indication that things are returning to normal. Prices are rising and everybody watches the level of Cyprus's foreign reserves—which have remained steady around £100m. However, the disasters which many felt would have hit the community by now have not come. The unusual spectacle of beggers on the streets near large refugee concentrations has disappeared. The danger of unemployment remains, but initial predictions of as much as 30 per cent have not been fulfilled. Futhermore, private construction and public works projects have begun to "Give us five years", is the promise one has heard from a

good many Greek Cypriots, "and Turks or no Turks we will make the north look like the devastated Cyprus".

Paul Martin Lion, felt an overwhelming urge,

# Why I can never revel in the New Year

On the other hand, New Year's Eve is almost unendurable, and it is no use pretending otherwise. I suppose we all have a day during the year (I sometimes think we have 365 of them) when life sits up and stares at us, accusing us (generally with much justice) of siz, failure and futility, insisting that we are not younger than we think, but if anything older, drawing pointed attention to our faults of character and the way in which we repeat our mistakes, sneering at our promises of amendment, and moment when the universe adding for good measure that pauses, takes a deep breath, and we are getting fat. Most people, I believe go through this annual stocktaking on their birthdays, but I find that increasingly sinister anniversary

quite bearable and, when I am in the right company or circumstances, actually agreeable. Others, no doubt, have the experience in question on their wedding anniversaries, when (as a bachelor I speak with some diffidence of these mysteries) the list of accusations is recited net by life but by wife. But for me it is New Year's Eve which exactly fits Scrooge's descrip-

tion of Christmas: , a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding your-self a year older, and not an hour tooks and finding every item in em through a round dozen of months presented dead against

I have tried facing the Problem of New Year's Eve in every pessible way. I have seen the New Year in at large parties and t small parties; I have spent it à deux, sometimes at home and semetimes out; I have spent it alone by my own hearth and alone elsewbere, I bave worn a finny hat; I have clasped hands and sung Auld Lang Syne; I have been to the Watch-Night Service at St Paul's; I have been among the crowd in Piccadilly Gircus; I have burst into tears; I have switched the phone off and gone to bed before midnight and ignored the whole damned thing, and as far as I can recall I have, almost without excepBernard Levin

es the clock struck, to go and

For a melancholic of Slav descent, which is what I am, New Year's Eve might have been especially designed to lead to that dread step; we who have an uneasy sense of the futility of fife at the best of times here it still more intensely at the starts again. In the pause, the non-existent instant between year and year, I experience what the drowning man's said to go through, my whole past life being summoned before me as if on some diabolical screen, flickering with the flames of hell. It was Thurber who said that we can all face the great tragedies of our lives, the failed marriages and lost jobs and irre-parable quarrels, but it is the tiny incidents, the trivial embarrassments, the word spoken in haste and never to be taken back, it is these things, which everybody else has long since forgotten, "that cause us to pull the bedclothes up over our heads at three o'clock in the morning and scream"; for me, all those three o'clocks in the morning come together, in the shape of bats and vultures and shapeless shadows, at midnight on New Year's Eve.

Of course, it is nonsense; there is nothing about the last second of a year to distinguish it, in logic, from any other second; I am reminded, when I think rationally of my New Year's Eve misery, of the people who get excited, to the point of writing to the newspapers, when they pick up a "perfect hand" (that is, all 13 cards of one suit) at bridge. For the olds against being dealt such a hand are indeed enormous; yet they are exactly the same as the odds against being dealt any other hand, however pedestrian. And why, therefore, should it be only on New Year's Eve that I think upon mine end, and grieve? "Ah, call back yesterday, bid time return . . "; it will not heed the call at any

i defeated it once, and once only. I was in Barbados, in com-

of looking after number one in such a fashion that he can plausibly maintain that he is also looking after the other folk, clutched not only his glass but same travesty in danger the bottle. (I had worked out, between the first chime and the second, that since it would be very dark out there, them as wanted replenishment would was better than me having to go and find them.)

Farther along the beach, fire works burst over the surf; music floated down from the steel band. The sea lapped at my knees, and only for an immeasurably brief flash of time did I think how easy, and how agreeable, it would be to sink agreeable, it would be to sink Loyal to what? To Paisley, the steel being the control of the con quietly beneath its surface, with a goblet in one hand and a Dom Perignon bottle in the other, and, after life's fitful fever, sleep well. But then a massive sunburst broke almost over us from the firework-display; it lit up simultaneously my friends and the sea, and the New Year was in, and the moment had passed. "We have heard the chimes at midnight, Master Shallow." That we have, that we have, that we have. Our watchword was 'Hem, boys'." I do not know what my watch-word will be this year, but let

us hope that .. just as all the neighbours, on the wall,

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point in the year, but it is only where, and we have noted that on New Year's Eve that I can the British authories, inside not bear the thought.

pany that would draw three souls out of one weaver; the previous year I had been in the same company, but we had ventured forth, and this year were determined to keep ourselves to ourselves. As the clock began to strike, somebody thought that, since we were no more than yards from the Caribbean, which was warm as bath-water, we ought to greet the New Year actually standing in the thing. Clutching our glasses, we stampeded across the beach: Levin, with his irritating habit have to come and find me, which

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## 12 months. Last year's column ended with the forecast that I was going to be removed from control of the Diary by an in-ternal coup. That this has not yet happened I put down to the same perverse fate which led to the non-fulfilment of my other major prediction—that there would be a Pebruary election in which the Conservatives would win an overwhelming to believe that this forecast was a factor influencing Edward Heath's unfortunate decision to go to the country at that time. It is therefore incumbent on me

no responsibility — financial, moral or political—for the ful-filment or non-fulfilment of these predictions, or indeed for anything. Resemblance to persons living or dead is fortuitous. Now read on: January New concept in January sales. Instead of cutting prices, stores increase them, but by an amount lower than would be justified by the rate of infla-

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to point out that I will accept

Oil shaikhs and financiers there-fore buy huge quantities of the stuff and store it in envelopes. Stock market down; petrol up. February

Warmest February since re-cords commenced, confounding tion of snails in the Cotswolds. who were burrowing to a record depth. A spokesman for the snails, in an interview, explains that they were not trying to get away from the weather but from the prevailing gloom. In Australia, England's cricket team reduced to three fit men, who all have to but three times. Sir Alec Douglas-Home, following his triumphant report on the Conservative leadership crisis, flies out to make a similar re-port on England cricket captaincy. Sir Alec pressed to play in test, scores no runs but wins praise for demeanour and sportsmanship. Stock market

Conservative leadership crisis reaches climax. Latest surprise contestant is Mike Denness, England cricket captain, who limps back defeated but sportsmanlike from Australian tour Times survey which showed and throws bat in ring Defeats who writes angrily to that, due to population trends, all comers on first ballot but Duffy. Stock market defeated the comments of the

### curry powder is the only com-modity certain to increase in The Times Diary price during the next decade.

The year the snails got it right

disqualified when Margaret May Thatcher discovers he has friends who are Liberals and that he has in his cricket bag a large hoard of curry powder. Edward Heath elected to leadership to give Conservatives a new, thrusting image. Government announce further delay in introduction of Public Lending Right for authors. Brigid Brophy writes angrily to The Times.

April

Government introduce legislation to enshrine freedom of the press. The post of editor is to be abolished and all newspapers to be run by workers' colectives. Readers of The Times lobby Parliament to try to get Diary Editors abolished as well. First action by workers' collective on The Times is to ban all reference in the paper to Public Lending Right, as the most boring and unimportant issue of the decade. Ban widely welcomed by all readers except Brigid Brophy, who writes angrily to leave

Referendum on Britain's membership of European Community produces unexpected result. Most people vote against continued membership but there is a clear majority, by write-in vote, for adhesion to the United Arab Emirates. By chance, the rulers of all seven emirates are in the London Clinic when the result comes through, and Harold Wilson, wearing a long white robe and armed with bunches of grapes, goes to see them to press our case for membership. They decide against admitting us. "We will not take no for an answer", fumes Wilson. "Our application remains on the table." But the grapes do not, for Wilson re-moves them as he leaves. Petrol

June

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As economic crisis deepens and the Cotswold snails stay underground, Denis Healey decides ay we can remain

French now have to pay the whole cost of the Channel Tunnel. The London Clinic is sold to Abu Dhabi, Earls Court to Australia and Harold Macmillen to a Californian University. Uganda orders a Con-July Left wing of Labour Party re-volt against Government plan to sell Department of Trade

solvent is to sell off some of our national assets. Dover and

Folkestone sold cunningly to

and Industry, complete with Tony Benn, to China. Several Ministers, including Benn, defy three-line whip to vote against measure, but it is passed with overwhelming Conservative support, though Wilson turns down Heath's plan to include Sir Keith Joseph in deal. Robert Mellish, Chief Whip, wants to chide rebel MPs but

Sensation as Robert Mellish

Wilson vetoes it.

disappears as he is taking his whipper for a walk along Brighton beach. His clothes. although by now he has pre-cious few left—found in a pile, together with a note to Harold Wilson. Meilish and whippet turn up on West Coast of Scotland where he says: "I

to start a new life." Hottest summer for years produces fresh crisis, as petrol doubles in price one Saturday night from £4 to £8 a gallon and thousands of motorists stranded

September At Conservative Party Confer-

ence, fresh crisis over leader-ship. Party split over Sir Keith Joseph's plan for progressive reverse taxation and family allowances. This means that poor people with large families have to pay more tax than anyone else. This is a compassionate measure 2, says Sir Keith, "designed to encourage people to make sacrifices for themselves and for the country". Although he accusts soon afterwards that his plan is misguided, it wins areat support and Heath, who opposes it, is boosed from platrm. In snap vote on leadership, Robert Mellish is summoned from Scotland to give Conservatives the thrusting, disciplined leadership they need. Stock market up again.

October

Great disappointment as North Sea oil begins to flow and is found to be a vegetable oil, more suitable for cooking than for fuel. World price of cook-Scotland where he says: "I in oil drops alarmingly and we cannot take any more. I want have to give barrels of stuff

away with Concorde. mystery order from Bordeaux, where oil is to be used "for development of wine industry".

Miss World contest introduces



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# PARTIES IN POOR SHAPE

thickens as the year turns from 1974 to 1975, although it becomes no easier to foretell convincingly the forms or intensity which the evident dangers will assume. These are conditions in which a people's confidence in their political leaders counts for much. Yet that confidence is sadly

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wanting.
Neither the Prime Minister nor the Leader of the Opposition has a public personality which inspires trust and affection much beyond the party or section of a party that is his own. That is a misfortune at this time, but it is not especially unusual. Political leadership in England is not primarily a matter of one man's personality. There is no native word for "charisma". One may hanker for the kind of national leadership Churchill was able to give in 1940. But that was in the simplified political conditions present to a nation under attack from an external enemy. Churchill himself said later that it was the nation that had the lion's heart: he was called upon to give the roar. That is far too modest a self-appraisal, but it recognizes that events at that time forged an embattled unity in the nation which Churchill articulated and reinforced, but did not create. That is not the normal condition of a loose and plural society of the kind we have come into and would do well to preserve.

Disarray

Political leadership in this kind of society is not to be sought in the imposition of a single powerful personality. It is to men, not to a Great Man, that people look: men governing collectively. What is expected of them—and what, if they possess it, will command a willing response from the people—is clear perception of the internal and external forces bearing upon affairs of state, recognizable principles of action, understanding of the cares and aspirations of the political nation, and the capacity to form and execute policy accordingly.

These virtues of statesmanship are not achieved by detachment. They are continuous with very general interests and attitudes in the nation at large. To be effectively embodied in political leadership they need extended support. That was once provided by a ruling class. No more. The function is now discharged by the political parties. And it is not very well discharged, for there is plainly a

inadequacy of political leadership and the present disarray of the main political parties. The Labour Government's

failure to command wide respect is not primarily due to the fact that it has been elected, twice running, by an unusually small minority of the electorate. It was duly elected, its legitimacy is not seriously challenged, the paucity of its electoral endowment could perfectly well be lived down. Nor is its failure in this respect due to enfeeblement on its Front Bench. In Mr Callaghan and Mr Jenkins, the two principal Secretaries of State, it has parliamentarians and departmental heads who rank high in any company. It has a Prime Minister of long experience and bottomless political resource. But the extended support which should permit these and other capable Ministers to manage affairs in a manner that carries general conviction operates instead to inhibit them from doing so.

### Divisions

The divisions and precarious balance of power within the Labour Party oblige the Cabinet (in which the divisions are reflected) to become immersed in the intricacies of party management while the state of the nation presses for attention. In the case of Mr Wilson this both suits his talents and amplifies his deficiencies as Prime Minister. His talents are for domesticating a factious party, and he is deficient in long views of public affairs and consistent decisions in accordance with them. Even this week Mr Benn has

given another rude reminder of the disordered state of the Labour Party. There was nothing outrageous in the substance of what he had to say to his constituents about the EEC spelling the end of complete self-government in Britain. The logical development of the European Communities as originally conceived and still rhetorically presented leads to some such conclusion. By comparison with the observable performance of the Communities and the real intentions of the Council of Ministers Mr Benn's warning is absurdly exaggerated. But it does not lie with those who look to the EEC for more than a trading arrangement and a novel means of cooperation between friendly states, and who value it as the germ of the political unification of Europe, to condemn Mr Benn for taking the Communities no less seriously than they but with his eye fixed on the reverse of His offence is not in any impermissibility in his argument, but in his defining the issue in a way which all the fixers in the Labour Party have been at pains put out of sight. The cobesion of the party has been tended by purporting to shift the argument from the historical and constitutional area to that of terms, conditions, and less-or-more. Mr Wilson insists that the whole question so far as the Labour Party is concerned is wrapped up in the passage inscribed in the Manifesto. Mr Benn reminds us that it is not.

The Conservative Party is in

no better shape to sustain a convincing political leadership. It has in Mr Heath a leader of the party who possesses great force of will and executive ability, but who, it is now widely supposed, is a doorstep loser at election time. But it is not just his public personality which is against him. Many Conserva-tives hold him and his closest colleagues in office responsible for leading the party astray—for adopting dirigiste practices, and for stoking the boilers of inflation. Yet there is no consensus in the party in Parliament or outside about these questions. The intellectual, if not the ideological, divisions between Conservative politicians match Labour's in magnitude. They have become so pervasive that it is only by treating the direction of policy and the person of the leader as two parts of the same question that the party is likely to be able to move forward again.

## Confidence

If 1975 opens with the two major parties in poor condition to sustain a political leadership of the kind which commands confidence across the nation, the coming year can at least be expected to clear some of the impediments. If the Conservatives have not changed their leader in twelve months' time they will have to regroup behind the present one. Labour, assisted by the constraints of office, will have to decide and act on the European question. It may also be forced to find another wages policy underneath the debris of the social contract, and to choose between creating conditions conducive to business confidence and embracing some alternative to the mixed economy. The necessity of decision should determine the power balance within the party, not for ever and a day, but for the lifetime of this

# THE ENDLESS SEARCH FOR PEACE

World peace will not be particularly secure in 1975 but it may not be any less secure than in 1974. The most obvious danger is that there could be another war in the Middle East. If the super powers are sucked into a military confrontation and oil supplies to western Europe are cut off the consequences will be almost unimaginable. Yet everyone is acutely aware of the danger, and none of the states involved could expect to gain from such a disaster, so that unless mankind is without power to influence its destiny there is a good chance that the worst cau

be avoided. One of the keys to the situation, as to so many others, is the state of relations between the Soviet Union and the United States. A few years ago, in the honeymoon period of detente, these relations seemed to be be-coming so close that they promised (or threatened) to create a new world order based on the common determination of the super powers to preserve the status quo. Since then it has become clear that although they share a common interest in preserving peace, for which the rest of the world should be grateful, their interests are not every-where identical and neither has wholly abandoned the wish to gain advantage at the expense of the other. This is particularly obvious in the Middle East, where the status quo cannot be the basis for a lasting settlement.

The relationship therefore needs constant nursing if it is to perform its primary function, which is to avoid war. The problem is to know how best to nurse it. Dr Kissinger has come under criticism for being too willing to make concessions on certain issues for what he felt was the sake of the greater whole. He opposed Senator Jackson's amendment on emigra-

Sir, Alison Ross ("Wildlife sauc-

tuary in a village churchyard".

December 14) is understandably alarmed at the "overtidiers" who

are trying to make our churchyards,

and indeed our villages, too neat and

to the fact that annually we are invited to enter "Britain in Bloom"

competitions in order to bring honour and glory to our villages and

even to towns. In many ways all this is admirable but there are difficulties. The "bloom" part seems

less important than the tidiness;

tidy. Much of the present effort is due

Too tidy

From Mrs D. A. Bell

tion because he thought it demanded too much of the Soviet He accepted com-Union. promises on strategic arms limitations which worried the Pentagon. He tried to press the Europeans to make concessions in order to wind up the lengthy Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. And perhaps he was less vigilant than he might have been in some aspects of economic relations with the Soviet Union.

The atmosphere is now more sceptical, particularly in the People American Congress. want to know more precisely what benefits détente brings to the western world. Avoidance of war is not enough, for this bas been a common interest of the United States and the Soviet Union for a long time. Dr Kissinger's reply is that he wishes to create a web of longterm agreements that will give both sides a lasting interest in restrained and responsible behaviour and lessen the danger of a sudden switch in Soviet foreign policy.

This is an admirable policy and should be supported, but from a political point of view it suffers the disadvantage that its results are not always easy to demonstrate. It is therefore vulnerable to criticism that it gives away more than it gains-that, for instance, the Soviet Union is getting the benefits of western technology on preferential credit terms and some relief from the strategic arms race without in any way modifying its ideologi-cal hostility to the west, its dedication to the build-up of military strength, and its denial of human rights to its own people and to the peoples of eastern Europe. Hence, so the argument goes, the west is weakening itself militarily and politically for no obvious gain-and indeed by fraternizing so much with

there are marks for the general

appearance of the village including the green, the village hall the pond, etc; and lust, but by no means the

For a few weeks there is no litter although motorists still find it easy to open a window and throw

cigarette packets and the like on to

the street. Grass verges are cut back severely and sometimes replaced by

flower gardens often urban in character. So for a while all is trim

and neat, and then, back comes the

litter, and the flower gardens in the winter are less attractive than the

grass they have replaced. Here in the Yorkshire Wolds we

have lost many of the lovely wild

least, the church ard.

communist leaders it gives communism a spurious respectability which rubs off on communist movements in the west, thereby helping to undermine western institutions.

It is, of course, true that the

west must proceed with caution and a clear-headed defence of its interests. At the moment it is in a fairly strong position to bargain for mutual benefits, for in the short term the Soviet Union needs the west more than the west needs the Soviet Union. In the long term, however, the west has got to find ways of living with the enormous military and economic strength of the Soviet Union on its doorstep. While it may gradually benefit from the huge Sovier markets and raw material resources, if it also wants to influence the Soviet Union politically it can do so only within a relationship from which the Soviet Union also stands to gain something. Senator Jackson would have gained nothing if he had had nothing to give.
Thus, while the relationship

must not involve any unilateral weakening of western defences or political resolve, it does expose western policies and institutions to new challenges. The black-and-white world of the cold war was in some ways much easier to deal with than the more complex differentiated world of today. The challenge is, however, one which western institutions ought to be able to face, and indeed must face if they are to prove their worth. This is another and urgent reason for seeing that they stand up to the internal pressures which now afflict them. The consequences of a loss of nerve would be wider than is often realized in the narrow cockpit of national politics.

Yours truly. EMMA F. BELL. Woodcote. East End. Walkington, Beverley, Humberside.

flowers of the chalk which were once abundant on the lane verges. Many lanes have been widened, the grass verges are cut back on a much wider swathe than previously, and so cover for birds, bees and insects disappears. This, in addition to the loss of very many hedgerows, is to be regretted and like too excessive tidiness is not a service to the community.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Working conditions Citizenship in a multi-racial society for MPs

From Mr Phillip Whitehead, Labour

MP for Derby, North
Sir, So Mr David Wood (column,
December 23) thinks that only the
indolent or the pompous empirebuilder among MPs will benefit from improved secretarial and research facilities at Westminster. In fact this is far more important than increasing the parliamentary salary, although that has fallen in real terms by 25 per cent since the last Boyle recommendations. last Boyle recommendations were implemented. There is a case for leaving it alone now. But the working conditions for members should be improved—in the taxpayers' interests. There must be an alert

Mr Wood says MPs have "prowood says MPs have "pro-vided themselves with some attrac-tive tax-free benefits", as though the car allowance (which is in fact taxed) and the secretarial allowance were some kind of hand-out in lieu of salary. Can Mr Wood tell us where he would find a secretary where he would find a secretary: research assistant prepared to workfull time for £1,750 in London? He is welcome to see the kind of workload I have, which is not untypical, if he contends that I do not need

such help full time.

MPs do not simply make six speeches a year in the Chamber. Most make more, but they also sit on select and standing committees, introduce private members' legislation, and increasingly find themselves acting as ombudsmen for their constituents. Hardly any have an office to themselves. If they temporarily acquire a research assistant, paid for out of their own pocket for the most part, they will find that there is not a desk in the building at which he can sit, if they are also registered as having a secretary. This is ludicrous. Until now the execution has been also real. now the executive has been well suited by backbenchers who were opinionated but not informed, conroom pundit, or to make a living outside Westminster. If that is to be changed, Parliament will gain. Yours, etc, PHILLIP WHITEHEAD, House of Commons.

CIA activities

From Mr Miles Copeland Sir, Having recently spent a month in Washington bringing my own information on the CIA's computerized "octopus" system up to date, and having yesterday spent £22.30 on transatlantic telephone calls to ald collegence. I feel hone

calls to old colleagues, I feel qualified to comment constructively on the piece in *The Times* (December 23) entirled "Mr Ford warns CIA against illegal spying".

First, Mr Ford did not react to

"newspaper allegations", plural. He "reacted", if that's what he did, to a single newspaper story. And that story was by Seymour Hersh, who is hardly America's most objective reporter where the CIA is concerned.

Second, what Mr Coll. said was that such activities "do not exist"—the "now" in The Times story was added by your reporter. "I do not beat my wife now" conveys a meaning rather different form." a meaning rather different from "I do not beat my wife ".

Third, Mr Ford did not " virtually

confirm the gist of the article". The weakness of Mr Ford's denial (if mere weakness of denial can be construed as "virtual confirma-tion") is easily explainable by the fact that it was made in the course of an aeroplane journey, and, although Mr Ford realizes that many of the allegations against the CIA of late have been based on communist "disinformation", it would have been foolish of him to deny out of hand any report shaply on the basis of what information he

happened to have in his flight bag. Fourth, there could hardly have been much "surprise here that Mr been much "surprise here that Mr Hersh managed to get Mr Angleton on the telephone"—not, anyhow, by anyone who knows either Mr Hersh or Mr Angleton. These two know each other very well, and if Mr Hersh did not have Mr Angleton's telephone number already he could have found it in the directory, where it is plainly listed.

Fifth, and most important, any journalist who reports on the CIA should know that Jim Angleton's "indiscretions" are all carefully calculated but that, at the same time, old "Kingfish" is the most Washington on his particular subject. If he says that anti-war activity in the United States was directed largely by foreign agencies you can ber your last sixpence that anti-war activity in the United States was directed largely by foreign agencies. In which case, let us hope that the CIA, with its enormous international resources, is on the job in the United States as else-

Yours. MILES COPELAND, Pear Tree Cottage, Orchard Lanc, East Hendred, Oxon.

Taxes on capital

From Mr Brian Morcom Sir, The current Finance Eill by Schedule 9 paragraph 1 (2) imposes double taxation on a gift both to capital gains tax, and to capital transfer tax. The capital gains tax is on the increase in value element and the capital transfer tax thereafter on the diminution in value to the donor. No tax therefore results from a disposal by way of sift—free if stamp duty (now at 2 per cent on property in excess of £30,000) is also

included. The Irish Republic in its White Paper on February 28, 1974 on capital taxation (where is set out in considerably clearer form its proposals in regard to capital taxation than any United Kingdom equivalent) expressly indicates that either the Trish capital acquisitions tax (the equivalent of our capital transfer tax) or the Irish capital gains tax will apply though not both. Further, the gift tax in America does not also impose a liability to American capital gains tax. This point though raised in the House of Com-mons on December 17, 1974, was in no way adequately dealt with. Yours faithfully, BRIAN MORCOM,

11 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

From the General Secretary of the British Council of Churches Sir, The recent publication of the sir, The recent publication of the annual reports of several regional conciliation committees of the Race Relations Board is an appropriate moment to see race relations in this country in the wider context of world political issues and of our own present and impending economic present and impending economics.

mic preoccupations.

The immigration debate is now ended. In the last two decades some one and a half million immigrants, largely from what was then the black Commonwealth, came to this island at the direct invitation of successive British Governments, who saw in their arrival a substantial alleviation of our own labour shortages. Now, with the exception of some clearing-up operations, immi-gration has virtually ceased. What we have is a substantial minority of fellow citizens drawn from a wide diversity of racial and religious origins, equal before the law, but having in common an exposure to the kinds of insult and victimization described in these reports.

The starting point for any present debate must surely be the acceptdebate must surely be the accept-unce that ours is now a society permanently characterized by a multiplicity of religious creeds, racial origins, and ethnic identifies. In this it is, of course, a microcosm of world society. Unfortunately, we have in our midst those who have chosen to respond to this plurality by taking up now and isolation. by taking up narrow and isolationist attitudes. We have seen the bitter fruits of such attitudes in the Middle East and in Northern Ireland, to name but two places. The influence

of such people is increasing in the face of our current economic diffi-culties. They and their aims will only be defeated if the rest of us only be detected if the rest of us see our plural society not as a problem to be solved but as an opportunity to be grasped creatively—an opportunity to enrich our national life through the interchange between peoples of differing cultures, in a manner appropriate to the 21st century.

If in these islands it becomes possible for Protestant and Catholic, lew and Muslim, and above all black and white to live side by side in mutual respect and enrichment, then perhaps the people of Britain can make a major contribution to mankind as a whole.

The British Council of Churches therefore welcomes and supports the call to the Government by the Wales and Southwest Conciliation Committee of the Race Relations Board to make a positive and unequivocal declaration of the inalienable rights of every citizen in our multiracial society. Such a declaration accords both with our Christian heritage and with the churches' experience of the ecumenical movement today. It is by a firm commitment such as this that we, as a narion, will be enabled move away from the sterility of debating whether our new citizens should be here at all to the real task of creating a new, just and harmonious society. Yours faithfully,

HARRY MORTON. General Secretary, British Council of Churches, 10 Eaton Gate, SW1.

being the volatile element it norm-

ally is).

We are invited to shudder at

expensive seats in the circle were packed out, the stall, equally good

but cheaper, were half empty. This is a usual and widespread pattern.

Ah, in six months' time . . . maybe

the pattern will have been reversed.

Well, perhaps, after all, we shall be

able to survive it-everything, that

is, but this non-stop, omniscient—and so often completely negative

Sir, The crisis of which Mr Hore (December 28) is so blissfully unaware springs from his insistence on eating four good meals a day while

actually producing barely enough for his breaklast. Another name for it is inflation, which cannot arise if, as a nation, we consume no more than we produce. Witness R. Crusoe and M. Friday for whom the word inflation could have an executed.

inflation could have no economic

neaning whatever.

In the end, of course, our cupboard will resemble Mother Hub-

bard's, and then it will dawn on us

that we cannot eat pound notes. If only the Government were aware of

things and turn the presses over to

ration books: one meal a day to

start with, and when we double our

exportable surplus, two. That would be much more sensible (and egalitarian!) than phasing out pay

beds, planning a wealth tax and abolishing the higher standards of

education.

Yours faithfully,

PHILIP JONES, 53 Kingsway, Orpington, Kent.

December 28.

and unconstructive—nagging. Yours truly,

HARRY HOPKINS.

61 Clifton Hill, St John's Wood, NW8.

From Mr Philip Jones

Is there a crisis? From Mr C. M. Paine

Sir, It is alarming to sense the lack tremors in a statistical abstraction known as "the standard of living". of direction from our leaders as the Last night (December 28) I went to a large cinema in Chelmsford. The hurricane approaches.

The Government has plucked up little courage—but it is still a phoney war. It is now saying that living standards will not actually rise for a year or two. But is this not an insult to our intelligence and character—a fear that we are no brave enough to face the truth?

The soaring cost of North Sea exploitation, the real threat of further warfare in the Middle East, the fragility of our import-dependent island economy—all present quite formidable risks. On top of which we are in debt to the Arabs to an alarming extent, with the loss of national pride and political free-com that that entails.

The time has surely come to call on the British people to adopt a "wartime" mentality. We are a tough lot when faced with real dangers—providing we understand. Those who dismiss this as 1940 nostalgia should recall the cooperation induced by the three-day week, or the fierce courage shown by our miners when accidents strike.

Those of us with the strength will now be forced by circumstances to work excessively hard, for an indeterminable period and for lower rewards. Work harder to build up exports because so many of our imports are essential. And work for less, because far less of our output home-and we must protect the weak. This is an inescapable formula.

But is this something we need dread? Is it as bad as living in a trench or barracks for five years, with shells exploding overhead and the constant presence of and is death and disablement? And is the constant presence of sudden victory any more remote, if measured in lower inflation, higher output, more exports and greater self-sufficiency? (And how can we possibly afford the wastage of unemployment?)

All we need is leadership. A clear vision of the dangers we face, the objectives to be achieved, the sacrifices to be made and the contribution that each of us can make in vinning the battle for the future of this country Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER PAINE. Dykewood. iorleywood Road. Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. December 20.

From Mr Harry Hopkins Sir, Mr A. R. E. Hore (December 28) wishes to be put out of his suspense as to whether there is, or is not, a crisis. Unfortunately, he and the rest of us, similarly nerve wracked, are unlikely to find relief because the economists, financial experts and so on almost always place their precise, thrice-weekly statistical calibrations of doom some way in the future, thus ensuring (1) that it is effectively impossible to refute them thuman memory being what it now is); and (2) their chances of being proved triumphantly right are enormously enhanced (confidence

three bottles, half a dozen cartous and innumerable paper and plastic bags. I do so unwillingly and with a sense of futility which has grown perceptibly in the last six months. I shall be told that I do not under stand the nature of the present crisis were I to think that salvaging such material would improve our circum-

A salvage programme

From Mr Alan Bennett Sir, Every day I throw away this

newspaper. I throw away two or

stances in the smallest degree. But would anyone deny that the sense of helplessness many people feel springs from the fact that we are all forced, whatever our good intentions, to participate daily in this senseless waste. A salvage programme might do nothing for economic prospects but it would do wonders for my morale.

There must also be many people

who feel that should the full in the standard of living mean the end of claborate, expensive and wasteful packaging then it will be no loss. Yours faithfully,

ALAN BENNETT 23 Gloucester Crescent, NW1.

Westminster Cathedral choir

From Father Peter Levi, SJ Sir, Dr Anthony Milper's hostility to the old and loved part that the choir plays in the life of Westmin-ster Cathedral (December 27) is not a sound basis for argument. His en-thusiasm for his own music and for the newest forms of liturgical colbration are carrying him beyond the bounds of common sense.
Westminster Cathedral is unique

in England: of course there ought to be at least just one good Catholic Cathedral choir. Dr Milner has wirnessed, and so have many of us, the offect of new music on congrega-tions. In February we are to hear a complete new musical setting of the Mass at Westminster by a very young composer. I recently win-nessed and experienced the effect of the old music in Westminster Cathedral at the Requiem for David Jones No one who was there would ant to permit that music and that chair to die out.

The practice of Italian churches is no argument. The tradition of the Westminster Cathedral choir is real and it serves us. The Catho-lic church in England has by now some pretentions to be an important element in our national life. The contribution that the Westminster Cothedral music makes to London is a fit part of the life of the church. It is not, after all, that Catholics

have no money. If they were to devote more of it to cathedral music and less to the sectorian education which is at present flowering in Northern Iceland we would all be happier, would we not? The church as the church makes little enough contribution to the intellectual life of this country or even of its own members. It is disgraceful if the small sum of money needed to rescue the choir cannot be found. Yours faithfully. PETER LEVI, Campion Hall,

Self-employed benefits From Mr Richard Need

Sir, George Cunningham's reasoning is curious (December 18). He seems to be saying that a self-employed person (who pays £2.41 a week for limited national insurance benefits) subsidized, whereas an employed person (who pays a mere 84p for full benefits) is not. However complex the issue this particular injustice is simple and blatant. And f Mrs Castle, instead of remedying it, plans to aggravate it next April George Hutchinson's strong words are perfectly justified Yours faithfully RICHARD NEED. 10b Strawberry Hill Road, Twickenham, Middlesex.

December 19.

## Patients and transplants

From Mr M. Hickling From Mr M. Hicking
Sir, May I add a different perspective, that of a patient, to the comments of Professor Hugh de
Wardener (December 19) on the
relative merits of dialysis and
transplant surgery as treatment for
chronic renal failure.

The doctor makes his judgment
in the light of cold statistical factof mortality and morbidity, as his
job demands.

job demands. The parient on dialysis, although of course, grateful to be alive becomes more aware of the fact that to be alive is not enough. One yearns to be alive and well and free of the many constraints of dialysis. The chance of a success ful transplant offers just such those

hope.
The prospect of dialysis for the rest of one's life is, on the contrary a grim one; two 10-hour sessions a week on the kidney machine (this is the minimum period) plus hours of preparation and cleaning up-two days a week after dialysis feel ing distinctly below par; the restriction of not ever being able to gaway for more than four days at a time at the most; the drudgery of a restricted diet and a very restricted fluid intake; the discomfort and the state of the discomfort and the state of the state pain usually experienced on dialysi-itself; constantly recurring medica-problems associated with dialysi-such as hyper or hypotension anaemia and others; and many other problems.

I, as one home dialysis patient would be prepared to take the rist of having a transplant in the unlikely event of a kidney becoming available, even if the odds one were much worse than

Yours faithfully, M. HICKLING, 94 College Place, NW1.

From Dr R. H. R. White Sir, Professor H. E. de Wardener's carefully considered arguments (December 19) in favour of dialysis in preference to transplantation cannot be lightly dismissed. How

ever, the "young" patients for whom the results of dialysis are claimed to be superior are presum ably young but fully grown adults The same arguments do not apply equally to growing children and adolescents, for whom the quality of survival is perhaps more important than survival itself.

Dialysis is technically feasible even in quite young children; but the child, unlike the adult patient is not self-dependent and the domes tic upheaval created by home dialy six makes this market that

sis makes this means of survival less than ideal. Moreover, the child must either face painful needling of forearm veins three times weekly or live permanently with the handi cap of an external shunt, which he must carefully protect by not parti-cipating in school activities such a-swimming.

A successful transplant, on the other hand, can rehabilitate a chilu to near normal. Growth and sexual development, which may be severely retarded in chronic renal failure, are more likely to improve following transplantation than during dialysis Transplantation must therefore contique to play a part in the treatment of children with serious read disease, even if only to steer them through adolescence.

The ethics of live donor trans-plantation are formidable, as are the possible psychological consequences of refusal to donate, or of graft rejection in the recipient. Surely our first aim should be to improve the results of cadaveric transplantation to the level attained in other European countries where it has proved possible to remove kidneys from the dead with greater -peed and less emotion. Yours faithfully.

RICHARD H. R. WHITE. The Children's Hospital. Ladywood Middleway. Ladywood December 20.

Data for passports From Professor E. D. Acheson

Sir. The device Mr John Stouchouse is alleged to bave used to obtain a second passport is based on the fact that when a person dies the record of his birth is not amended accord ingly. Such a procedure is feasible and would not involve much addi-nional expense at least for people horn in the United Kingdom who die in youth or middle age. In addition to its advantages from the point of view of security and of increase ing the accuracy of certain of the recorded data it would facilitate medical and genetic research.

and death certificates would for example permit lethal diseases such as cancer to be studied in terms of the age and occupation of the father, age of mother, birth place and position in the family. It would also be possible to study the mortality experience of superscripts or the processing of the p lity experience of successive samples of twins of like and unlike sex. and eventually the mortality experience of kinships.

Linkage of information from birth

An appropriate code of practice along the lines of that recently published by the Medical Research Council backed if necessary by legislation would protect the privacy of he records.

Yours, etc. E. D. ACHESON, Professor of Chnical Epidemiology, Community Medicine.

University of Southampton. Somhampton. December 29.

Christmas blooms

From Mr C. M. Barlow

Sir. On Christmas Day there were in full bloom in this garden polyanthus, campanula, pansy, scapious, rose, snowdrop, arabis, plant, love-in-the-mist and, of course-

hellebore and jasmine. No doubt someone can cup this list, but I cannot recall having ever hefore such a display at Christmas time.

Yours faithfully, C. M. BARLOW. Norman Corner, Kingsgute Road, Winchester. December 27.

# OCIAL NEWS Forthcoming

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### larriages

r J. N. Coderquist d Miss M. E. Kennedy Shaw ie marriage took place on Mr W. G. Barton iday, December 13, 1974, at ond Miss C. G. Fr ferstey flumpshire, between Mr fick Cederopist, of California, fused States, and Aliss Meg-minedy Shaw, daughter of Mr

## A. II. Grethe d Miss M. J. Glanvill Smith e marriage took place on

d Mrs W. B. Kenned: Snaw.

terday. December 26, at St in Bartis Church, Findon, of Alfred Greibe and Miss Mary contill Smith. The bride, who s given in marriage by her her, and was attended by her Wiss Angela and Mass June Glanvill Smith, and the Cordens, London, SW10. idegroom's Suder, Frontein W- I. F. M. Lilvers gonne Kurze, Mr Nigel Wart and Miss K. A. Baker Baker • 5 ne : man.

### i - M. D. Griffith-Jones id Miss A. Hyde Parker

Fro marriage took place on starting at Horsis Linicomi be-teen Mr Meyrick Griffith-Jones th 18th Royal Hz- are Queen the form to the same of Me and the Trever Graffith-Jones, Proster House, Roude, Devices, and is Auriol Hate Parker, damand of the late Mr E. F. Hyde Taker and Mrs Eyde Parker, of the Late Company of the Lat

### d Miss V. Hardie

le marmage took place in ndon on Christmas Eve between Michael Hostings, only son of s M. Lawrence, of Lyncham, b openham, Willshire, and the degree of Sergeam M. E. G. Hestings AP), and Miss Victoria Hardie, 1 AP), and Miss Victoria Hardie, 1 4thren of Sr. Charlet Hardie, of 1 1 minutes. Newton, Durset, and 16 1 lite Mrs. Dorothy Hardie.

# N. Fellowes Mme D. von Volsky

between Alexander Colin Days

London, NS.

L d 12 Wetwerby Gardens, SW5, d Mme Denise von Volsky, ungest daughter of the late M d Mme Adrien Hameau.

## d Mrs P. F. Jenney

Heretoral aire on December 27 | Heretoral aire of William Francis Wyld-Pre-Smith, son of Mr and Wrs. and Miss A.-M. Bakirgian hn Wyldbore-Smith, of Scavnes II. Sussey, and Mrs Prisca Faith hn Wildbore-Smith, of Scavnes II. Sussex, and Mr. Prisca Faith aney, Jounger Gaughter of the Array of Dr and Mrs Basil Lee, of the Barray Cheshive, and Anneerdisland, Herefordshire.

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yable on some estates): gilby, Major Sir Joslan William vian, of Ripley Came, ire (duty paid, \$49,397) \$451,423

## 5 years ago om the Times of Saturday, Dec-iber 31, 1949

nere as undoubtedly a satisfactemptation to set him right. London, SW15. red States who noticed Mr Berrich Shaw's little mistake in "The sand Miss J. Morris-Jackson and Miss J in of the small boy at school iding up his hand in an agony superior information and shouting: "I know, sir. Let me tell its rie."

The first sentiment aroused in e breasts of many readers by r Shaw's error may have been te of smug complacency, but in ne there was probably minaled th it a kindlier feeling. That pe normally so far above them ould come down if only for an stant to their own humble and filble level—here was something by pleasant and human and arming to the heart.

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Sir Thomas Piometicla, Bt. and Lady Blome-field of 29 Shetfield Terrace, London, WS, and Georgina, deputter of Commander and Mrs Charles Over, of The Meadows, Brocknam Green, Surrey.

and this C. G. Freer The engagement is announced between Warwick George Barton, on of Mrs M. R. Milroy and the Lie Mr G. P. Barton, of McLe Mr G. P. Barton, of McLe Mr G. P. Barton, of McLe Mrs and Cynthia College, Asserbla, and Cynthia College, Asserbla, and Mrs and Mrs. Giran, daughter of Mr and Mrs and Mrs V. J. Spice
C. F. J. Freer, of Pearce Avenue,
Paristone, Dorset.

### Mr.S. R. Clasner and Miss P. Renwick

The engagement is announced between Stenben Reid, elder son of Mr and Mrs. M. B. Cissoer, of Affect Court, London, SW., and Banny, elder daughter of Mr and Wrs. D. A. Renwick, of Drayton Continual London.

The engagement is announced between its 7 Forest McLaren, son of the E. V. Elbers, of 33 Ann Street, "Idinburgh, 4, and Mrs A. Die, of Weke House, Bulstrode War, Gerards Co.'s, Buckingham-Stire, and Katharine Arne, elder dampiner of Mr and Mrs O. F. Polar Baker, of The Court House, Arip Lench, Evesham, Worcester-Dr C. F. Graham

# and Miss G. J. C. George

The engagement is announced between Christopher Forbes, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Graham, of Boldre, Hampshire, and Grizelda Jane Celia, daughter of Mr and Mr: Philip Kenyon George, of Shorne, Kent. Mr N. J. Hardey and Miss J. M. Stern

## The exceptement is announced between Nytholas, on of Mrs N. V. Hartley, of 33 Paston Road, Lon-don, W4, and Jennifer, younger deather of Mr and Mrs Maxwell Stern, of 20 Bishopswood Road, London, N5.

The engagement is announced between Alexander Colin David Inglein Mackenzie, son of the late Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Alex-ander Inglein Mackenzie and Lady a same Adrien Hameau.

The W. F. Wyldbore-Smith of Mrs P. F. Jenney

The marriage took place quietly therefore in December 27 there is in William From Wall.

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# test estates include (net, before typed) and Miss S. Leney The engagement is announced

hetween Robert, son of Colonel and Mrs A. R. F. Martin, of Penthyrn. Upper Park Road, Camberley, Surrey, and Susan, younger daughterof Mr and Mrs T. E. Leney, of 3 Shawfield Park, Bromiey, Kent.

### Mr T. Renwick and Miss R. Davis

ther 31, 1949

The emagement is announced between 1s undoubtedly a satisfaction in catching somebody out in misquotation. When that some divise a person of the greatest likence so much greater must be be twentytion to set him right.

Son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Stott, of Tizall, Staffordshire, and Helen Aicken, elder daughter of Captain Roland Plugge, DSC, Royal Navy, of Little Bookham, Surrey, and Mrs Peter Liddell, of Warwickon-Eden. Cumbria.

## Mr A. C. Williams

and Miss M. V. L. Brooks The engagement is announced hetween Clive. elder Colonel and Mrs F. D. Williams, of Parkestone, Dorset, and Merrilyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Victor Brooks, of Sussex Square, London.

### Mr E. M. Ainley and Miss V. L. Matthews The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. N. Ainley, of 49 marriages Mr T. C. P. Clometicid and Miss G. G. Over

Woodgrange Avenue, Kenton, Middlesex, and Vivien, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. J. Matthews, of Brook Furlong, Oundle, Northamptonshire.

### Mr C. J. Barstow and Miss L. V. Ellson

The engagement is announced between Christopher John, sun of Captain G. B. Barstow, Royal Navy, and Mrs Barstow, of Hastemere, Surrey, and Louise Veronica, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Desmond Ellson, of Busham, Sussex.

The engagement is announced between Christopher Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Reginald Cannon, of Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire, and Valerie, daughter of Mr and lirs Frederick Parrish, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire.

## Mr P. M. Blaic-Fish

Miss F. H. Garfitt The engagement is announced hetween Peter, elder son of the Rev J. C. and Mrs Blair-Fish, of Chipstead, Surrey, and Harriet, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Garlitt, of Nailsworth, Cloucester-

# Mr G. A. Frazer and Miss L. A. Beach

The engagement is announced between George Frazer, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Frazer, of 32 Central Drive, Haltwinstle, son or Mr and Mrs J. Frazer, of 32 Central Drive, Haltwinstle, Northumberland, and Linda Beach, of 76 Whetstone Road, Kidbrooke, London, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. J. Beach.

# Mr J. D. Harris and Miss C. Kelly

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. Harris, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Clodagh, younger daughter of Group Captain M. H. Kelly, CBE, and Mrs Kelly, of Cape Province, Republic of South

### and Miss M. J. England

The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs L. S. Hipkins, of Crick, Northamptonshire, and Melissa, only daughter of Mrs C. M. England, of 25 The Green, Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, and the late Mr L. P. England.

# Dr S. A. Jelleris and Mile C. C. Garrigues

The engagement is announced between Stephen Arthur Jeromy, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Jefferis, of Hilfield Castle, Aldenham, and Catherine Claude, daughter of the late Professor Jean-Claude Garrigues and Mme Jean-Claude Garrigues, of La Ciotat, France.

### Mr T. A. Mansfield and Miss A. C. M. Jole The engagement is announced be-

tween Trevor Alan, soon of Major and Mrs A. P. Mansfield, of Lin-ton, Wetherby, Yorkshire, and Alison Cecilia Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Jole, of Had-ley Wood, Hertfordshire. Mr V. Morris

# and Miss V. Amey

The engagement is announced between Vincent, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Morris, of Broxted, Essex, and Valerie, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Amey, of Addlestone, Surrey.

# Mr O. J. B. Prince-White and Miss M. J. Crill

The engagement is announced between Oliver James Bewsher, son of Mr and Mrs F. G. B. Prince-White, of Soberton, Hampshire, and Mary Jacqueline, daughter of Commander and Mrs C. G. Crill, of Acton Bridge, Northwich, Cheshire. Dr D. Sinnett

Sinnett, of Swansea, and Jill, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L. W. Morris-Jackson,

# Mr W. S. St Leger Moore and Miss S. B. Hickling

The engagement is announced between William Stephen, only son of Lieutenant-Commander E. S. St Leger Moore (RN Retd) and Mrs E. S. St Leger Moore, of 13 Hespe Mews, London, SW5, and Sarah Blanshard, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. P. Hicking, of Helmons, West Hanningfield, Essex.

# The night sky in January

Mercury is at greatest elongation east as an evening star on the 23rd, when it will set an hour and a half after the Sua but will be rather after the Sun but will be rather low. Venus is also an evening star and will be quite close to Mercury in the third week of the month, though at magnitude -3.4 it will be very much brighter. Moon a few degrees south of both planets on the 18th.

Mars is a morning star, but as it is not very bright and rises only an hour and a half before the Sun it is nut likely to be seen.

Jupiter is a bright evening object in Aquarius, but it sets before the hour of this monthly man. Moon near it on the 17th. Saturn is now prominent, being in opposition on the 6th, when it crosses the meridian near midnight and has a magnitude of -0.2.

Uranus and Neptune are not visible to the naked eye. The former is in Virgo and rises two hours after midnight early in the month: the latter is in Ophinchus and rises

the latter is in Ophinchus and rises three hours later.

The Moon: last quarter, 4d 19h: new, 12d 10h; first quarter, 20d 15h: full, 27d 15h.

Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 11d 21h, 14d 18h and 31d 23h; also shortly after midnight of the 9th.

Mira Ceti: this variable has not yet reached naked eye visibility and was reported three weeks ago

and was reported three weeks ago to he still at 9th magnitude. As indicated last month, the beha-viour of this star cannot be pre-dicted with precision.

## The minor planets, or asteroids, A few other asteroids have come closer than this. The closest so far was Hermes in 1937, an eighth magnitude object moving past the stars at 5° an hour and only half a million miles away. The probability of a collision with such rarely figure in these notes because with the bordering excep-tion of Vesta, they are not observ-able with the naked eye. In general they uccupy the space between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter and the first discovery, that of Ceres, was made in 1801. By 1807, our were known: by now there are about 2.000 with known orbits and possibly double that number have been discoved at the large transfer. an object is very small.

an object is very small.

The opposition of Eros will be on the 23rd, when its magnitude will be \$.7 and it should be visible with wide aperture binoculars, if the user looks in the right place and can remember for draw? the stars in detected at one time or another. Needless to say, the system of naming them after goddesses has long been abandoned. A comparatively small number, including the first his field of tien for the few hours accessary to see which object four, are more than 100 miles across; but most are under 50 miles and many are very small indeed. Because of the inclination of its

orak to the ecliptic. Eros will be moving from north to south at that time, and its path in the sky lt is one of the small ones, Eros, It is one of the small ones, Eros, which is in the news this month. Some asteroids have very elliptical orbits and stray out of the zone specified above. The perihelion point of Eros is only just outside the Earth's orbit; some come within it and one even gets inside that of Alercury. At perihelion Eros is just over 14 million miles from the orbit of the Earth, and if the Earth happens to be there at will be a line from Lynn, just to the left of Pollux and ust to the right of Procyon. On the evening of the 20th it will be rather more than a monobreadin nurth and slightly to the east of Polinx, making a nearly equilateral triangle with Pollux and a fourth magni-tude star between that and Castor. On the next evening it will be in a like position south of Polinx. There will be a half-moon about, but still two or three constellations the Earth happens to be there at that time there is a near approach of the two bodies. It does happen this month; the last such event was in 1931.

### Oxford college awards The following awards have been made at Oxford University: KEBLE COLLEGE

# Today's engagements

Exhibition of Portrait Drawings, illustrating development of portraiture from fifteenth century to present day, Prints and Drawings Gallery, British Museum, 10-5 (final day).

Exhibition of English Toy Thear-res, Pollock's Toy Museum, 1 Scala Street, Tottenham Court Rd 10-5.

Exhibition: "I'll put a girdle round about the earth", centenary of birth of Marconi, Science Museum, 10-6.

# of Music. Glovad swards: Modern languages: Hotroyd Exhibition, I. C. Dacre, Wellington C. Holrood Scholarship, C. E. Tane, Bradford GS. Matheratics: J. Slade Scholarship, C. S. Slater, Caron Slade GS. Natural wirere: Holrood Scholarship, Diochemiery, C. D. Frasie, II) mers C. Glivatics, Stephenson-Cratterion Exhibition, A. J. D. Hodge, Glevalmond.

PEMBROKE COLLEGE

# The Queen's Life Guard mounting | Birthdays today

## Tomorrow

Camping Ourdoor Life Exhibition, Empire Hall, Olympia, 10-9. International Boat Show, Earls Court, 10-8.

International Racing Car Show, featuring wide range of cham-pionship winning cars, Olympia, 10-8-30 London Walk: Lost London—the City, meet St Paul's Under-ground, 2.

Mr Glanvill Benn, 69; Mr M. F. Bonallack, 40; Sir Hugh Chance, 78; Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, 62; Major-General J. D. Frost, 62; Lord Hawke, 73; Sir Daryl Lindsay, 85; Mr P. B. H. May, 45.

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core to it on the evening of the Lird. The relative motion between this star and it, taint neighbour should be detectable during the evening hours—it the strengthening mountain has not warmped it. Soon after midnight

and More it could be received as a small more in the star and More it out, but this event will be observable from only a small area and it is rather uncertain where that area is; it could be in

The relative position of star and planet at any instant depends on the locations of the observers, and that enables the distance of the planet to be determined by a sur-

res of a strangulation process. Very extensive observations were made in 1931 to improve knowledge of the scale of the solar system, but the use of radar for astronomical

purposes has rendered the method obsolete. Interest this time is likely to be in the planet itself, which is

irregular in shape, and in size something like 14 by 4 miles. It rotates in about five hours and

varies in brightness as different areas of illumination are presented towards the Earth.

itha, Uppingham: Hull Scholarships, R. P. Hadheld, Barnsler Ho.gate M. St J. Davies, Liverpool C

m.J. Miantic.

TOMORROW: Mr Jack Beresford, 76; Lord Douglass of Cleveland, 73; Mr Gilbert Edgar, 77; Dr David Mitrany, 87 Colonel P. A. Porteous, VC, 57 Sir Ashton Roskill, QC, 73; Dame Eileen Younghusband, 73.

# OBITUARY

## SIR ZACHARY COPE Diagnosis of abdominal conditions

influence in improving the translated into the French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German and Greek languages and is still selling freely. Dur-ing the Second World War he played a prominent part in the direction and best use of medica! manpower and afterwards in the nationwide survey of hospital accommodation. In his retirement he turned his atten-

tion to writing medical history.
Vincent Zachary Cope was
born in Hull on February 14,
1881, being the youngest child
of a Non-Conformist minister. In 1890 the family moved to London where the rest of his life was spent. He was edu-cated at the Westmanner City School where int 1895 he was awarded the gold inedal as head boy. Gaining a scholarship to St Mary's Hospital Medical School he came under the influence of Augustus Waller, the fluence of Augustus Waller, the comb of Polity (close to the G of Gemini). This is Kappa Geminorum, and Eros will be very invente of Abgustus Water, the inventor of the electrocardiograph, and Almroth Wright.
After holding several junior appointments at St Mary's and the London Temperance Hospitals he became surgical registrar to the former and in 1911 he was elected a member of the honorary staff, while in 1912 he became surgeon to the Bolingbroke Hospital, both of which institutions he continued to serve until the end of his active career.

His association with the

Royal College of Surgeons of England was close and long con-tinued. Taking his FRCS in 1909 he was elected to the council in 1940 and upon several occasions had delivered Hunterian and Arris and Gale Lectures. As vice-president he was appointed Bradshaw Lecturer in 1949 and Tomes and Vicary Lecturer in 1952. He took an active part in the affairs of the Royal Society of Medicine and the Medical Society of London of which he was Lettsomian Lecturer, Orator and President. In 1941 Cope was appointed Sector Officer of No 6 Sector of the Emergency Health Service manpower and hospital facili- him.

Sir Vincent Zachary Cope, MD, MS, FRCS, consulting surgeon to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, has died at the age of 93.

His lasting claim to surgical Minister of Health and the Sectorary of State for Scotland set retary of State for Scotland set standard of early diagnosis of to consider the supply and deacute emergency conditions in mand, training and qualificaup a series of cight committees the abdomen by his classic little book entitled The early diagnosis of the Acute Abdomen.

Published in 1921, it has been mittees. This entailed heavy auxiliaries and Cope was made chairman of each of these com-mittees. This entailed heavy work but it was completed in 18 months and the report was issued in 1951. For all this

devoted service Cope was knighted in 1953.

During his active life in practice Cope published monographs upon The Surgical Aspects of Dissentery, Actinomycosis and The Treatment of the Acute Abdomen in addition to his much more famous Diagnosis of the Acute Abdomen. After his retirement however he became interested in medical history. Under the general guidance of Sir Arthur McNalty he edited the volumes on Sorgery and Pathology in the Medical His-tory of the Second World War. He published biographies of Cheselden and Sir Harry Thomp son, wrote the history of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and of St Mary's Hos-pital Medical School, From his pen came also Florence Nightinciples of Florence Nightingate, Famous General Practitioners, a life of Sir John Tomes, and a short account of the career of Almroth Wright Zachary Cope was the soul of kindness and he could never

bring himself to say an unkind word of any man, further he was a delightful and most considerate chief with whom to work. In his later years he amused himself and others by writing verse and upon one occaminutes on the surgery of duodenal ulcer in this medium. When he was vice-president of the Royal College of Surgeons it fell to him to propose the toast of the guests at the annual Hunterian Dinner. The speeches had not been inspiring but Cope gave his whole speech in verse much to the evident enjewment and amusement of the Royal guests who had graced the occasion with their presence. Many younger consultants and a host of general practitioners will reof London and thus began a long wise and gentle surgeon, kind period of service with the and considerate to his patients. Ministry of Health, which led He was twice married; there to his becoming Chairman of is one daughter of the second many committees dealing with marriage and she alone survives

### SIR IVISON MACADAM one partisan school of thought,

Sir Kenneth Younger writes: Something should, I think, be while giving hospitality to a added to the brief comment range of differing opinions. Which you made on Ivison He was a sitted promoter of Macadam's work at Chatham Chatham House and its objectives. He was the institute's tives, obtaining endowments in chief executive for a period of Britain and the Commonwealth 25 years during which it grew and also gaining the support of from a promising pioneering the great American foundations, experiment into a well estab. Carnegie, Rockfeller and later of lished and internationally res- Ford. In this important Ameripected centre for the study and can connexion he was greatly discussion of world affairs.

When asked who founded Chatham House, Ivison would reply with a list of distinguished people, among whom Lionel Curtis took pride of place, and would emphasize the great amount of time which they devoted to shaping the institute's policy in the early days. This, no doubt, was true, but was Ivison who had to carry their ideas into practice, raise the money and recruit the staff. His part in the building of Chatham House was a very big one.
As you pointed out, administration rather than international scholarship was his field. For intellectual inspiration he relied largely on Arnold Toynbee. But

### Caroline, whose munerous friends in her own country opened many doors. After 1945 there was a rapid proliferation of university faculties and new institutes working in the international field, in which Chatham House had previously had few competitors. The institute's problems changed, and today ideas, people and world conditions have changed even more radically. Yet the administrative structure

helped by his American wife.

which Ivison created has proved basically sound and many of the time have proved themselves in the new conditions and have been widely adopted by instituhe shares the credit for ensuring that Chatham House remained tions in other countries. In a world which is changing so fast, this is no mean achievement. free from commitment to any

## MR DEREK HENE

Mr Derek Hene one of Britain's foremost advocates of European unity, died on December 23 at the age of 58.

Born in 1916, the son of Dr Emile Hene, an eminent chemist in the oil industry, Hene was educated at St Gallen in Switzerland and St Catharine's College, Cambridge. He served in North West Europe in the Second World War finishing up as a major on Lord Montgomery's staff. He was called to the bar

by the Inner Temple in 1943. Hene spoke French and Germember of the Union Internaobtain judgment in their own currency in English courts. He was an active member of

the Conservative party, contest-ing Derby North in 1964 and

He wrote on a wide variety of other topics including the National Health Service, Air who survives him with three

Major Morey John Peter Starkey, Deputy Lieutenant for

### PROF MAX DELAFIELD Professor Max Everard Dela-

field, MC, MB, DPH, who died on December 26 at the age of 88, was Emeritus Professor of Chemistry as applied to hygiene in the University of London. During the active tenure of his chair he had worked at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and he had also been the head of the departments of hygiene and bacteriology at University Col-lege and at King's College of

household and social science.

Max Delafield, son of Frederick A. Delafield, a mer-chant, of Highbury, was born in 1886, and received his early education at Merchant Taylors School, where he distinguished himself as an athlete and was a member of the rugby XV.

He was elected a Hilles exhibitioner and scholar of Jesus College, Cambridge, and in 1907 obtained a first class in Part I of the Natural Science Tripos. Completing his medical praining at St Thomas's Hospital, he qualified as MRCS, LRCP (1909), MB, BCh, Cambridge (1910) and DPH (1919), and held the posts of house physician and of clinical assistant to the Ear Department

He served as a captain. RAMC, during the 1914-18 war in France and Salonika, and won

the MC.
By his first marriage
1910 he had one son. In 1940 he married May, daughter of Mr A. A. Purry, of Hampstead.

Lady Keynes, wife of Sir Geoffrey Keynes, died on December 19 at the age of 84. She was Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George Darwin. KCB, and her marriage mon's place in 1917.

Mr Alan Sorrell, RWS, the painter and designer, has died. at the age of 70. He was an authority on Roman Britain and was responsible for numerous archaeological reconstructions for the Ministry of Works.

Warwicksbire, a Justice of the Peace and a former master of Warwickshire Foxhounds, was found dead yesterday in the grounds of his home, Radway House. A revolver was beside the body. He was 58.

# Half-yearly promotions in Navy, Army, RAF

# Science report The climate: Ice ages

ccording to some chimatologists, ic ages are caused by intense out-ursts of volcanic activity. The lea is that dust and ash from se volcanues veil the Earth, reening out the Sun's heat. Although the idea is not new, sere has from time to time been ontroversy about how valid it tight be. Now the theory gets a listinct boost as a result of a tudy carried out by Dr J. R. ray, a New Zealand glaciologist. Dr Brav has investigated the nks between volcanic activity and acreased glaciation over the past 0,000 years. The events are dated wears of the carbon-14 techique, which is reliable only for amples up to some 40 millennia id and that is why this particular hudy goes back no further. Even hith that limitation, however, the

vidence is impressive. The dates of samples of volcanic ebris show a significant tendency or eruptions to occur at roughly he same time in widely separated arts of the world. In particular, lmost synchronous eruptions have coursed in Japan, southern South merica and New Zealand several imerica and New Zealand several imes in the past 40 millennia. I There have been eight major saves of volcanic activity in South imerica during the past 40,000 tears, and all occurred at the same ime as outbursts in Japan. Six of he eight waves also coincided with tolcanic outbursts in New Zealand, several other outbursts in each of

these particularly active regions have also been associated with the development of glaciation.

The discovery of a link between volcanic activity at different places around the Pacific Ocean ties in well with the modern ideas of well with the modern ideas of well with the modern deas of plate tectonics. All the three regions mentioned by Dr Bray are on the boundary of a large "plate" of the Earth's crust, which just about corresponds to the area of the Pacific. It looks were much as if express that build very much as if stresses that build up in the Earth's crust lead to simultaneous fractures and vol-caric activity (perhaps earth-quakes too) around the margin of

It is most likely that the pre-

the Pacific plate. Just how relevant might this Just how relevant might this research be to present climatic questions? It is difficult to see a direct link, because although the Earth does seem to be cooling, and there was some volcanic activity in the 1950s, that activity seems too little and too recent to the in with the pattern found by Dr Bray.

It is most likely that the present cooling is caused by one of the other processes that affect

climate. By Nature-Times News Service. Source: *Nature*. December 20/21 (252, 679; 1974) © Nature-Times News Service, 1974.

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man fluently and was an active tionale des Avocats being a wellknow figure at international conferences. He was a dedicated supporter of the European Movement and his book What the Common Market Really Means has been widely used in schools; this he followed up with Decision on Europe? Despite poor health he appeared in the Court of Appeal this term in the leading case of Schorsch Meier GmbH v Hennin (The Times Neverpher 27) nin (The Times, November 27) when it was established that residents of the EEC could

1966 and being a former chairman of Reigate division. was chairman of the Maritime Law Committee of the Society of Conservative Lawyers which produced an important report in August "Safety in British Ports ".

Law and Computers. In 1946 he married Patricia Williams, daughters.

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BUILDING SOCIETY

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**Directors** 

society

in building

merger row

Directors left the hall as

uproar erupted yesterday at a meeting called by the Bourne-mouth and Christchurch Build

ing Society to discuss the pro-posed merger with the larger Portland Building Society.

The trouble began immedi-

ately the meeting, adjourned from December 10, began. Mr Bertram Old, chairman, was

greeted with shouts of dissent when he announced that he pro-

posed a further adjournment, until January 16.

They needed more time to reply to Mr Jim Rowland-Jones' circular against the merger. As

the shouting grew Mr Old and the other directors filed off the

stage of Bournemouth town hall. Mr Rowland-Jones, a £5,00°

investor with the Bournending

and Christchurch, then that

Mr Rowland-Jones then asked for 100 signatures from mem-bers and explained that this was

necessary as a first step towards the removal of the board. He also said that he had nearly 2,000 members supporting him

against the merger.

The merger plan had failed, he claimed, and the board must

be got rid of.
"There are two ways the directors can go and the best

one is for them to resign. They

know they have not taken the society with them.

over the meeting.

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# Pressure grows for guidance on rescue policy for secondary banks

By Christopher Wilkins Banking Correspondent

Pressure is mounting on the Bank of England and the clearing banks to state publicly what policy they will now adopt towards the secondary bank rescue operation. Mr Ian Mucdonald, chairman of Lloyds and Scottish, a leading finance house, revealed yesterday in his annual statement to shareholders that the support operation has now topped the £1,200m

Using the publication of his called for early decisions to identify those companies which are unlikely to recover and therefore should be run down or merged, and those which are expected to have a profitable, future. This would probably require a restructuring and the acceptance. acceptance of appropriate liquidity disciplines.

Mr Macdonald, a director of the National and Commercial Banking Group which takes in Williams & Glyn's Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland, said that the problem must be tackled soon, since there were already doubts arising regarding the longer term intentions of

the supporters.

Although Lloyds and Scottish was not involved in these troubles, he says, "we are disturbed about the loss of status of the finance house sector as a whole and it is in the interests of the industry that this be restored in the not too distant

His comments have been prompted by the recent collapse

Anti-trust

study of

sale plan

about £470m.

of Triumph Investment Trust, which until November had been receiving support from the rescue consortium. Mr Macdonald said yesterday that the market did not feel it knew what the policy of the support-

ers now was. He suggested that quality of assets should be a key criterion in deciding which secondary banks should survive. Those with heavy lending commit-ments in low quality properties, for instance, should be allowed to run down. This could take perhaps two or three years.

Mr Macdonald said he thought most of those companies now receiving support—believed to be around 20—should be run down, although in terms of the total amount involved in the support operation they would only account for a small proportion.

He argued that those com panies which survived should be restructured by means of injections of new medium-term loans. This could be achieved by converting to a longer-term footing some of the short-term funds pumped in by supporting

restructuring, thought, should be accompanied by financial disciplines which might require secondary banks to hold in liquid form a high proportion of their short-term deposits and a lower proportion of their longer-term deposits according to a clearly defined

The stringency of the liquidity requirement could vary from bank to bank.

Financial Editor, page 17

# Chrysler prices up

The United States Justice Department said yesterday that
it was invostigating the proposal by Westinghouse Electric
Corporation to sell its major tomorrow. The follow similar price household appliance division to White Consolidated Industries. White is already a leading maker of major appliances in its own right, using brand names which include Kelvina-

Westinghouse had aunounced on Sunday that it had agreed to sell its loss-making major appliance business to White for a combination of cash and securities, subject to government clearances. Neither com-

but do include the Chrysler 180 and two litre.

New prices include: the Hillman Imp, up from £980 to £1,094; the Hunter 1500 De Luxe, up from £1,447 to £1,568 and the Chrysler two-litre, up from £2,356 to £2,521.

Production of the Imp, at Linwood, Renfrewshire, will not resume until January 6.

Workers there are on an expany would put a value on the transaction, but combined annual sales in this area are The agreement between the two companies also anticipates the sale of the household appliance business of Westing-

resume until January 6. Workers there are on an ex-tended Christmas and New Year holiday, because of a drop in demand.

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# by 7.8 pc

Chrysler yesterday announced price increases averaging 7.8 per cent to take effect from tomorrow. The increases rises from British Leyland, Ford an Vauxhall earlier this month. Ford and The group said last night: The increases reflect the continuing rise in cost of materials and components." The increases will not apply

to the imported Simca range produced by Chrysler France, but do include the Chrysler 180

Chrysler deride UK closure

# Inflation hits gas pipeline

Arctic Gas Pipeline Co expects inflation to add \$1,000m (about Mr Brackett said the cost might reach \$6,600m by the time

house Canada, subject to the approval of that company's

board of directors and of the

Canadian Government.

States prices.

# Washington, Dec 30.—Alaskan United States by the line would be more than \$2 per 1,000 cu ft flation to add \$1.000m (about

\$\frac{1}{2}\) 125m) to the cost of its proposed 2,600-mile pipeline, according to Mr W. W. Brackett, the vice-president.

\*\*Mr Brackett said the cost might reach \$6,600m by the time full financing was needed in 1976-79.

\*\*Ite said this could mean the price of natural gas entering the said the company filed with the price of natural gas entering the said the company filed with the federal Power Commission its data on capital costs, financing and transportation costs of the pipeline.—Reuter.

# MANGANESE BRONZE HOLDINGS LIMITED

Extracts from the Report and Accounts to 31st July, 1974

			1914	1010
			£	£
	ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL		4,000,000	4,000,000
	CONSOLIDATED RESERVES		1,757,706	1,594,177
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	DEFERRED TAXATION		421,010	
	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		0002	2000
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	Engineering Group Turnover	• •	17,822	
	Profit on Trading		1,451	745
	Interest		781	224
	•		670	521
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	Earnings per Ordinary Share bet	ore	1.96p	ი.93ე
	extraordinary items	• •	,.sop	V

Trading profits from the investment in the engineering companies at a book value of \$5.4 million, were up to expectations but the extra working capital required because of rapid inflation has so absorbed liquid resources that no final dividend can be recommended.

These results exclude the investment in Norton Villiers Triumph, at a book value of 22.0 million, The precise position of that company, and the continuing blockade at its Meriden factory, is now a political matter and no audited accounts for its year to 31st July, 1974, have been published.

# French will trim nuclear power plants programme

Paris, Dec 30.—France is to rexamine her nuclear power reexamine her nuclear power programme next month in the light of rising costs and financing problems and revised prospects for the country's economic development, an Electricité de France spokesman said today.

Financing difficulties and lower growth forecasts make it increasingly likely some cut-backs would be ordered to existing plans for up to 50 new nuclear power stations by 1985,

At present prices alone this would cost around 68,000m francs (about £6,397m) without taking account of rising materials and other costs.

The nuclear programme is tailored to meet a forecast in-crease in electricity consumption by 1985 to around 420,000 million kilowatt hours annually. from slightly over 180,000 mil-lion kWh in 1974.

However, forecasts of expected industrial growth have been severely altered by the energy crisis and the consequent slow-down in world trade, and this forecast for increased electricity consumption is expected to be

EDF is unable to finance nuclear expansion plans on present electricity tariffs, which do not reflect increased energy and other costs, the spokesman

Instead of an expected 6 per cent increase in electricity tariffs from the start of 1975, at least 15 per cent would be needed to maintain financial stability.

Given the political sensitivity over price rises of this kind, the Government was being forced to ubsidize the nuclear programme directly to guarantee massive borrowing abroad by EDF, the sources explained.

This year the Government has already granted 500m francs of additional finance to EDF. But the utility expects to make a loss of around 1,400m francs because of inadequate prices.
In 1974 EDF raised some

\$600m on international capital markets and 1,200m francs through a domestic bond issue. It is negotiating with Kuwait to borrow a further \$300m to finance nuclear investments. Nuclear power development could be cut back from seven new power stations annually to six or less.
Existing contracts will

ahead. Site work has already started on six out of 12 nuclear units ordered from Creusot Loire subsidiary Framatome SA. -Reuter.

# Steel stockist shares sag in Paris

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, Dec 30

Shares of Marine-Firminy, the holding company, which controls 50 per cent of Creusot-Loire, the largest French manufacturer of spe-cial steels and boilers for nuclear reactors, today fell by 18.5 per cent, from 149 francs on December 20, when quotations were suspended by order of the Paris Bourse autiocities, to 121.40 francs.

From the beginning of December, two major French December, two major French steel groups, Usinor, and Wendel, had been waging an all-out battle for control of the firm. By buying all the shares which are widely distributed in the public Wendel had succeeded in acquiring 20 per cent of the capital of Marine-Firminy, pushing up share prices to pushing up share prices to prevent Usinor from carrying out the takeover bid it announced on December 2.

Today's fall in Marine Firminy share prices is due to the temporary withdrawal from the fray of the two contestants, after an injunction of the Brussels Commission last weekend to compel them to negotiate. But the next phase of the

# to Tory funds

group, is to ask shareholders to approve a payment of 57,500 to the Conservative Party to help in the fight against the Government's rationalization

Mr Henry Moore, chairman, says the company considers it essential to oppose the "threat of further encroachment", but considers the contribution of funds to a political party to be a matter that should be decided by shareholders.

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# Gold slips after nearing \$200 barrier

By Tim Congdon
After being poised to break
the \$200 an ounce barrier in
the morning, the gold price the morning, the gold price fell back heavily on the Lon-don bullion market vesterday afternoon. It closed at \$192!, down \$3 on the day.

Considerable interest in the morning had pushed up the price from an opening quote of \$196 to a morning fixing of \$197!, the highest ever level. Dealers said that the highest quote was still higher, with a range of \$197 to \$199. But the \$200 barrier was never

In Paris, however, gold was at one point fixed at higher than \$200. The Paris market is restricted and it is customary for the price to be higher than

In the afternoon, trading was overshadowed by the imminence of private ownership of gold in the United States which will become possible in the new year. Uncertainty over the intentions of the American government, with fears that the United States Treasury may try to dampen the present enthusiasm for the metal, contributed to a wave of profit-taking. The price tumbled quickly to close \$5 from the peak at \$1921.

But dealers said that trading conditions were thin. It was the absence of buyers, rather than the weight of selling, which caused the drop. There were some quotes as low as \$190 to \$192.

Some authorized American raders were active in the London bullion market, but dealers said that they tended to be sellers as well as buyers of the metal. It was announced yesterday afternoon that the Minneapolis commodity exchange would indefinitely postpone the start of gold futures trading.

It had been expected that such trading would start today. Futures trading will still become possible in other American commodity exchanges, with New York and Chicago expected to become the main centres for dealing. There is no fully developed A rush of advice, page 17

# Forecast of cut in

Builders in November were expecting to start about 135,000 private houses and flats in Britain during 1975 according to figures published yesterday by the Department of the Environ-ment. This compares with 160,000 starts estimated by builders sampled in July. Private housing starts re-corded in the 12 months to October 31, 1974, were 117,000.

Although midnight tonight marks the technical abandon-

ment by the British Government

of the present Channel tunnel scheme, the tunnel companies now making initial borings on either side of the Channel

appear to have postponed their threatened confrontation with

the Government.
Evidence had been growing that the companies would press

for immediate compensation as soon as the British Government

failed to meet its contractual obligation to ratify by January

1 the Anglo-French treaty for building the tunnel.

best way to protect their share-holders' interests. Technically the tunnel com-panies could ask, on the basis of

a unilateral abandonment, for compensation on share capital

issued as well as for the govern-ments to pick up the tab— amounting to more than £30m covered by bond guarantees—

This was seen as arguably the

# Libya ends American oil embargo as further step to normal relations

By Roger Vielvove
Libya has litted its 14
month-long embargo on oil
exports to the United States.
Without any official announcement the oil companies operating in the Libyan deserts have
been told they are free to
resume exports to any destination they like.
Relaxation of the last of the
restrictions on oil movements
imposed during last autumn's

imposed during last autumn's Arab-Israel War could boost Libya's flagging output, which is down to about \$00,000 barrels a day from an average of 22 million barrals a day in 2.2 million barrels a day in

This move is also being seen as yet another step in the Libyan government's desire to improve its relations with the companies operating there. These groups are now awaiting the Government's decision on revised prices in the light of the decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to recommend

Before the embargo was imposed the United States was one of the largest single mar-

be any significant movements of crude to America. Overpricing by the Libyan government was one of the main reasons why Libyan production slumped to dramabelow a million barrels 2 day for the first time in 10 years and since then has dropped to

around 800,000 barrels a out. While relaxation of embargo will mean convession holders can resume leliveries to the United States on a limited scale, large-scale bnying by independent regimes will be necessary to boost the country's overall production

Libyan oil has the natural attraction of a low sulpiur content plus properties that allow a larger than average converted to petrol-an imporrant feature for American

Relations between the oil companies, the United States and Libya reached a low point single price system for Gulf during the Arab-Israel But in recent months relations have improved. BP has accepted an offer of \$17.4m kets for Libyan oil But until accepted an offer of \$17.4m these new price levels are compensation for the nationa-

fixed it is unlikely there will lization of its Sarir oilfield and several international groups have signed new exploration

orher big oil comparies operating in Libya include Exxon Corporation and Occi-dental, while Continental and together American Secretary of State, says the United States would consider their the original transitions of the consider their the original forms of the consider their the original forms of the consider their the original forms of the original forms consider tying the price of oil to that of other commodities if exporting countries first lower

OPEC members have long sought to have oil prices rise and fall in relation to what they pay for imported products. But they want the cost index tied to the present high base price of oil. Ninian platform: Highland Fabricators are to build the second platform for: the Burmah EP Ranger develor-ment of the Ninian oilfield in

the northern North Sea.
The platform will be made of steel at Nigg Bay and will cost about 230m. Delivery is planned for early 1977. A corcrete platform been ordered.

He told the several his. The members present that ch as proposing the removal renner existing board. He then py conward eight names of sugginey, new directors. In addition to himself est-were Mr Bill Whitelock, Mr b Wadham, Mr Leonard Moultas
Mr Robert Winon. Mr Robes.
Mr Robert Winon. Mr Robes.
James, Mr John Norris and Ma
Thomas Haslam.
Mr Wixon and Mr James are
members of the Bournemouth
and Christchurch Society.

# Shipbuilders to press for decentralization

Britain's shipbuilding industry, one of the prime candidates for further public ownership under the Government's industrial policy, will press Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Minister for Industry, for a fully decentralized structure.

Mr A Ross Belch, president of the Shipbuilders and Re-pairers National Association, said last night that the industry believed all parties concerned were receptive to the idea of decentralization and to fair compensation for the companies

He said: "If legislation is to be introduced to take our industries into public ownership, this is a fact of life which must be accepted. We are now, there-fore, doing everything we can to ensure that the foundations for the future are laid as firmly and sensibly as possible."

nationalization of shiprepairers as a fait accompli.

The organization, he said,

would continue to press for the exclusion of shiprepairing from the nationalization proposals because it considered that no case had been, or could be, made for the public ownership of a service industry which was spread round 3,000 miles of the

Channel tunnel companies postpone their

for work being done virtually to

the end of the present phase ending next midsummer.

But in postponement the

tunnel companies will not have abandoned this particular hand in the poker game now being

played out between themselves

and the two governments on the future of the present tun-

nelling scheme.
On the British side, at any rate, the view now appears to be that the Government's breaking of the contract on January 1 does not necessarily imply mounting an immediate legal challenge.

Alternatively the companies

could serve notice on the Government of legal action on the contract, allowing that to lie on the table while discussions continued.

This would mean that the Channel Tunnel Co would re-

tain at least for the time being a cost weapon in any attempt

to secure a renegotiation from the Government.

7p to 92p 4p to 40p 1ip to 12ip 1p to 8p 4p to 60p 10p to 260p

claims on Whitehall for compensation

nelling scheme.

were continuing their campaign of opposition in the hope that their arguments would persuade the Government to change its mind, even at the eleventh hour. In an end-of-year message, the SRNA president said the shipbuilding industry's order book of more than six million tons, valued at more than £1,400m. was sufficient to provide full employment for major ship-yards for at least the next three

This, he said, was evidence of the industry's success in a highly competitive international

But with the Government's lans for nationalization of shipbuilding, marine engineering and shiprepairing expected to crystalize next year, 1975 would almost certainly prove to be a landmark in the industry's long and eventful history.

Against the background of

these expected changes he ensibly as possible."

emphasized the need for a
But Mr Belch emphasized that decentralized organization bethe industries. The SRNA also believed that a centralized monolithic organization would destroy initiative and quick decision-making, which invariably led to decreased opera tional efficiency.

Mr Belch stressed, however. that whether the industry was nationalized or not, it continued to be deeply concerned at the effect of unabated inflation on country's coastline.

Shiprepairers, he continued. its future competitive ability.

could, according to the latest

computations, cost about £16m

With the tunnel scheme

practically delayed for most of 1975 while British Rail assesses

cheaper schemes for an im-proved rail link from London

to the tunnel portal, the tunnel

companies face a tricky decision on whether to opt for early compensation or some formula that would protect them, especially from the inflation problems involved in

tion problems involved in

If the Government could be

brought to the point of renego-

tiation to clear up the dating of ratification, the company

might find it particularly attractive to try to secure a

higher figure on bonds guaran-

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# and CU cut policy benefits

the terminal bonus on old series simple bonus policies from 25 per cent to 15 per cent of attaching reversionary bonuses, as well as effecting a "modest" reduction in the scale of surrender values. Explaining the move in a review of the group's new business figures for 1974 Mr L. C. T. Courrell, who takes over se

during the past 12 months.

One of the reasons for terminal bonuses was to eachle the policyholder to benefit

# Post Office

The Post Office will ask the Price Commission to sanction its biggest ever post and telephone tariff increases early in more than a later jointly agreed abandonment. Cost of

> at least op and may even be of to see the offer. Sir William Kylend, chairman, is known to favour recouping as much of the corporation's lost revenues as possible in one move. Telephone charge increases will also be substantial.

An expected deficit for the year of £300m, more than twice last year's figure, has made it essential for the Post Office to seek large rises

# Sun Life

Ey Our Financial Stuff Sun Life and Commercial Union yesterday joined the rapidly increasing ranks of big life companies forced to cut benefits in view of the dismul economic and financial conditions. As from the start of the year CU will reduce surrender values of its life policies.

If the new surrender values had been in force during 1974,

For the directors to hang on was a ridiculous situation, he added. It was only damaging the group said, the reduction would have been less than 12 per cent. Sun Life is reducing the Bourgemouth and Christ-

general manager at the start of the year, blames the sharp decline in stock market values

from capital appreciation. In today's conditions, therefore, he says, a reduction seemed "entirely appropriate".

# price rise plea in January

the New Year. It is expected than an application will be made within the first few weeks of January.

The price of a first class stamp will certainly go up to at least 60 and our cover be compensation in all cases would be split equally between the two

charge increases will also be

# church Society and the Portland Building Society would obvi-ously come under strack at their next meeting. General Mining raising £12½m

in rights issue

Correspondent General Mining, the Afrikaans mining finance house, is raising the equivalent of £12!m by way of a rights issue on the basis of 12 new ordinary shares for every 100 held at R32 a

The offer is being underwritten by Federale Mynbou. GM's parent, which is itself making a 30 for 100 issue at R5 a share, the underwriting here being undertaken by South African Life Assurance and Federale

Volksbeleggings.

In August, CM raised an 885m
Euroloan, the bulk of which has
now been utilized in the build up of its stake in Union Corpora-tion to 27.1 per cent. The com-pany has already rejected the agreed takeover of Unicarp by Gold Fields of South Africa and will be detailing its reasons to Unicorp shareholders within the

next few days.
In London, GM closed 75p higher at £22 while in Johannes. burg the shares ended at near the right price at R31.

# Herstatt confirmation

Cologne, Dec 30.—Judge Wil-helm Uhlenbruck said the proposed agreed settlement of Herstatt Bark's affairs had been legally confirmed, permitting the first DM100m (about £17m) payment to creditors to go ahead in the next four weeks.

## The Scottish and Mercantile Investment Company Limited

Highlights from The Chairman's Statement

## PERFORMANCE

Investment income improved from £309,634 to £379,367, but overall consolidated attributable profit fell from £316,374 to £214,068 due to reduced profits of Fashion & General Group and associated company -Northern Shipbuilding & Industrial Holdings. Liquidity good: balances with bankers increased

from £553.062 to £927,706. Net current assets improved from £102,890 to £523,548. Capital reserves increased by £591,225.

Proposed final Ordinary Dividend 1.4625p per share. Total ordinary dividends for year 2.3p per share or 9.2 per cent, represent statutory maximum for purposes of legislation.

## ASSOCIATED COMPANY/SUBSIDIARIES

Hall. Russell & Company, principal operating com-pany of Northern Shipbuilding & Industrial Holdings, suffered from effects of fixed priced contracts and unprecedented inflation; ship repair activities and North Sea oil servicing expanded considerably. Forward order book satisfactory and management confident on

Fail in profits of Fashion & General Group attributed to disposal during year of B. W. Nobes & Co., but future preportion of carnings will be less dependent upon one source. Annual dividends receivable by Scottish & Mercantile may not be significantly less:

## GENERAL

Balance sheet shows even greater financial strength. Confidence expressed in long term prospects of company's activities.

### battle is only postponed. Schmeider-The Belgian Schneider-Empain group, which wants to How the markets moved Rises

1	acquire overall control of
I	Creusot-Loire as a first step
I	and bought 32 per cent of the
ı	capital of Marine-Firminy in
ı	the summer of 1973,
i	announced yesterday that it
ı	was working out plans for an
l	association with Wendel. If
l	both groups combined forces,
1	they would control 52 per cent
ı	
ł	of Marine-Firminy. The
1	announcement, according to Le
l	Monde today, is a real chal-
ſ	lenge to the Commission by
ŀ	the Empain-Schneider group,
l	

# Shareholders will vote on payment

Sterling rose by 40 points to \$2,3460. The "effective devaluation" rate was 21.6 per cent. Gold fell by \$3 to \$1921. SDR—S was 1,219190 while SDR—C was 0.521690. Commodities: The December cocoa position collapsed by £85.75 a tonne. Sugar futures gained be-The board of Associated Engineering, the Learnington Spa motor industry components Business appointments

Letters Market reports Share prices

## Barclays Bank 2p to 24p Beecham Gro 3p to 120p GEC 3p to 55p Hongkong 5 Sh nutchison Int Inchespe Orion Phoenix Timber Readicut Int Redman Heenan Viakfontein

Falls 31p to 20n 12p to 388p 10p to 334p 7p to 1160 4p to 1320 5p to 34p 2p to 141p Elsburg Gold Great Portland Furness Withy Kwikform

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Lloyds & Scot O. C. Summers Spirella 

tween £7.50 and £26 while the daily price was lifted £20 to £470. Coffee lost up to £13. Copper rose £15 but zinc dropped £6.25 to £313.25—its lowest for nearly 18 months. LME silver declined between 3.5p and 4.25p. Renters index was 3.3 up at 1.178.5. Reports, pages 18 and 19

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S. Hoffnung & Co Company announcement: 19 Manganese Bronze Holdings 15 20 The Moss Engineering Group 17 Highlands & Lowlands

Rubber Company

# rank all the litive rank all the monurdes talk sable. larria losures

r J. N. Shakespeare id Mis Don Lander, chief execu-id Mis American-owned Chrysle peritish operations, yesterers described as "absolute rubthis planning to sell or even innie down any plants here. 4d Like the rest of the motor icustry in Britain, and many hrysier plants in the Midlands at by the car sales recession. Indeed its operations are

"Obably the most vulnerable of the big four" carmakers in create scarcities or divert re-this country. It suffered badly sources from their most approrom labour disputes and the priate uses," he said. " Only com-Hirce-day week. The company extended holi-

ays for many thousands of orkers in the Coventry plant

Although 5,000 out of 7,000 half a century ree-day week, so far Chrysler as not announced any plans short-time working at Ryton, khough talks are in progress th the unions and production here will be further reduced by ne end of January. Ryton will a hiss week compared with e marrii 3,500 just over a year

## M. IRoyce energy AFT. gs of £1.6m

inhiels-Royce (1971) neved energy savings worth it 1. £1.6m this year. Reschedulof engine tests and To roved techniques have cut ensumption of aviation fuel by sion, deepening it and making per cent, saving 5800,000, it permanent, Sir Frederick electricity economies amounted says. But there had to be more

# OCIAInrysler IMF leader says monetary growth helped to fuel worldwid e inflation

Johannes Wittercen, international monetary fund managing director, considers that partial measures designed to hold down the price of particular goods and services in the battle against inflation are of little

In a text prepared for delivery to a joint session of the American Economic Association and the American Finance Association in San Francisco. liver parts of the world, the he said such partial measures are unlikely to be successful in no Scotland have been badly reducing inflation as a whole, and may often sumulate de-

"In addition, they usually

prehensive measures, whether 1969 to \$132,000m, or almost in the field of demand manage 15 per cent of the world monement, or of incomes policy, or both, will serve." Mr Witteveen blamed infla-

policies during and following the 1970-71 recession in industrialized countries. He noted that the average rute of monetary expansion in the countries increased from seven per cent during 1969-70 to over 2 per cent in 1971 and 1972. "To this expansion in the monetary aggregates in the

various national economies must be added the sharp increase in credit available through the Eurocurrency market," he said. The estimated size of that market increased from \$44,000m

(about £19,130m) at the end of

tary stock, at the end of 1973.

This must have contributed in no small measure to worldtion on expansive government wide inflationary forces," Mr Wittereen observed. He also considered that the disappearance of agricultural stockpiles may have been an inflationery element. "Their

disappearance moved a factor which had served to mitigate the price, raising effects of past periods of industrial expansion.

lurning to the effects of the 400 per cent increase in the price of oil. Mr Witteveen said it is estimated the price rise added 2 to 3 per cent to

# BIM head fears | Economist sees and it Linwood, Renfrewshire, toughest year for "ultimate ruin"

Next year will probably be the most difficult for half a century. Sir Frederick Catherwood, chairman of the British Institute of Management, says in his new year message, published today.

"Yet our cumulative troubles can be diagnosed and cured. One of the most serious prob-lems was the division between management and employees. his had undermined the conthe best use of the country's scarce resources, he declares. Most managers feel that a controlling board split evenly between owners and unions would institutionalize the divi-

# in UK inflation

By Tim Congdon
Professor Laidler, of Manchester University, says in a new pamphlet from the Institute of Economic Affairs: "We are two or three stop-go cycles away from ultimate ruin in this country."

The pamphlet, Inflation: Causes, Causes, Consequences and Cures, published today, reports on a conference last September attended by economists from fidence of management, its Britain and the United States, courage in making major de-including Professor Milton cisions and its ability to make Friedman and Lord Robbins. Professor Friedman argued that accelerating inflation reflected governments' attempts to keep employment at high

levels, causing unemployment to be less than the "natural rate". Professor Laidler said: "The right approach is to say that governments have no business

# Study of scrap market patterns from EEC soon

By Peter Hill Forecasts of European supply and demand for scrap during the next five years, to be pub-lished next month, will have important implications for Britain's scrap industry which, from tomorrow, will be able to export freely to Europe after nearly 40 years of restrictions.

The British Scrap Federation, the British Steel Corporation, and private sector steelmakers, through the British Indepen dent Steel Producers Association have been closely involved in the assessment by the EEC Commission of scrap needs up

In the United States yester-day Mr Frederick Dent. Commerce Secretary, announced that all controls on exports of ferrous scrap would be lifted from midnight tonight.

# First ICL 2900 system delivered on time

International Computers' first 900-series computer to be d ciivered to a customer, a large Todel 2970, was desnatched on me from the company's West orton factory on December 19. The system is now being installed for the Government's entral Computer Agency at CL premises at Bracknell, Berk-

hire. It will be known as the 'entral Computer Facility. After commissioning, extenive ICL trials will precede the canding over of the system to he Agency next spring.
Believed to cost well over im, the new system will be

sed to assess the suitability of 900) hardware and software for vernment users. Realistic testng of software for government pplications will be carried out, Computer news

## Hoskyns IBM move

Under a facilities management contract with Charles Fulton and Company, international money brokers, the Hoskyns group is to take over the management of Fulton's IBM 370 computer. This will become the nucleus of Hoskyns' first IBM systems Hoskyns' centre, offering a range of

During 1975 the Fulton computer will be moved to the Hoskyns office in Farringdon

viding the service to Fulton, Hoskyns will use the installato demonstrate their modular applications systems: convert files; develop programs and offer normal bureau facili-

Coral language time

A GEC 4080 computer is to be used by the Royal Radar Establishment at Malvern, Worcestershire, in developing the real-time language Coral 66 (Computer On-line Real-time Applications Language) on behalf of government depart-ments and industry.

The establishment pioneered this language, which has been selected by the Ministry of Defence as a standard language Road, London. As well as pro- for military programming, and

has promoted it also in civil applications such as message switching and in steel mills and

power stations.

Coral 66 has now been accepted by the Department of

## Comshare in Belgium

Belgian clients of the Comshare bureau group are now able to use the computing facilities of the group's dual Sigma 9 computer in Chelsea at local telephone rates in the Brussels

This Brussels-London link follows the setting-up of a new Comshare SA, company,

Kenneth Owen

# French see slowdown in advance of retail prices

With the announcement roday by the French finance ministry that retail prices in November rose by 0.9 per cent, M Jean-Pierre Fourcade claimed that the first objective of the government in the battle against inflation had been achieved. The rise in October was 1.1 per cent.

The highest increase was recorded in clothing, 1.6 per cent, and food, 1 per cent. Manufactured goods and services, on the other hand, showed a distinct slowing down last month by comparison with October when they stood at 1.3 per cent and 1.6 per cent

The minister pointed out that over the twelve-month period from November 1973, retail prices have risen by 14.9 pc: cent, and the rate of increase was still 13.9 per cent for the last three recorded months, compared to Germany's 7 per

## Teheran signs LNG export deal

Iran and a consortium of American and Belgian companies have signed a joint venture deal for export of 3,000 million cu ft of liquefied natural gas to the United States and Europe, according to an official communique stated in

According to the agreemen signed between the National Iranian Gas Company, El Paso Company of the United States, Soper, of Belgium, and others, a 'S5,600m (£2,435m) company will be jointly established. It will include costs for an LNG Lago tankers for transportation of the gas to United States and European ports.

### Creusot and Iran link

Erench and Iranian steel companies are to cooperate in the establishment of a speciality steel mill in Iran with an annual capacity of 200,000 tons of ingots. The companies involved Cressot-Loire SA and the Iran National Steel Co, which together are to form Iranian Special Steel.

US controls worked The American Government's

two and a half-year economic controls programme, which ended last April, had a "positive and statistically significant " influence on stimulating capital investment by United States business, a government report stated in Washington

## German prediction

West Germany's 7.5 per cent inflation rate will drop another percentage point next year after new government economic directives were put into effect, the country's five key economic research institutes predicted.

### santer working climate or-more long-term opportunity, or are more accessible, or are situated in a pleasanter part of the country than others. Moreover, changes in supply of labour take much longer adjustment time than do changes in demend, and if we

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Job evaluation and the

Sir, Professor Innis Macbeath's state of affairs?

From Mr W. F. Younger

forms of job evaluation.

that :

Mach

article on "How to get fair

wages for all " (December 9)

was very interesting. From his

commitments, however, I won-der whether Professor Mac-

beath or the author of PEP's Reshaping Britain are aware 1. Several hundred companies in Britain already pay their do not pay a premium for staff on the basis of various skill's which are in high demand and in short supply 2, At least two numbed comcompared with those in surpanies correlate their internal p'us, how do we ever expect to evaluations on a common basis remedy a shortage in a free to market pay comparisons, so

society? that their pay arrangements do take hato account the labour markets within which they are We need to distinguish be-tween those criteria which influence the relative importance chemicing, whether those mar-kets be influenced by their inof jobs one to another, and those which influence the tinstrial sector geographic location, type of technology, abour intensity or historical amount which has to be paid to any specific population of jobs at a given time if we are to make progress.

the discussion There is also a problem bout national job evaluation which is specific to the "fair" is bedeviled by confusion be-tween evaluation of internal pecking order of jobs on the wage approach. It stems from the fact that the total amount payable in wages and salaries one hand and the placing of a cannot exceed the total value money amount on these rel-ative internal values on the added to goods and services by the labour content.

However, whilst high contri-Agreement on internal evalbutors of added value consider uation can usually be achieved it only fair that they should receive the full value of their hazzaoniously, provided the evaluations are based on the contribution, low contributors (and the community in gen-eral) feel that it is fair that ledgeable people working systematically to agreed and low contributors should receive an amount which is greater than the value of their low However, so long as there is than the value of their low imperfect mobility in the contribution. This puts us in labour market so long will the classic Micawber situation there be differences in amount of overspending.

paid to jobs which are of the same size and importance, but which exist in different Yours faithfully, W. F. YOUNGER, 1 Great Cumberland Place, London, W1. which exist in different organizations. This is surely

# What OPEC wants us to believe

from Mr R. O. Jackson Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Roger Vielvoye, in his interesting article on crude oil pricing (December 12) fails to highlight one very important point.

In saying that "the proponents of single pricing claim that it will not affect the end

concensus judgment of know-

understood procedures.

members want us to believe. It is much less convenient for the producing countries to Yours faithfully, have the argument extended to show that every move in this 85 Burges Road, direction so far has resulted in Thorne Bay.

liry of the oil companies", he

foreign exchange cost of oil to the importing countries—the latest unilateral actions by more than another £1,500m per annum. How we decide the appor-

tionment of oil costs between our own governments, oil companies and consumers, cost of oil to the consumer and surely our concern, and the will only squeeze the profitable shrewdness of OPEC public statements should not be repeats exactly what the OPEC allowed to make them appear as the consumers' friend when, clearly, they are not.

progressive increases in the Essex.

## Vanishing art of leadership

From Miss Anne de Lasta I was cheered up considerably by reading Mr W. F. Younger's article on industrial relations and the vanishing art of leadership (Business News, December

May I add a postscript by way ANNE DE LASTA,

"The ability to deal with Sir, This grey Monday morning Geople is as purchasable a commodity as sugar or coffee and

I will pay more for that ability

than for any other under the

sun."-(John D. Rockefeller). .

Yours faithfully,

### Common front for agriculture classic Micawber situation From Mr B. N. Howell

Sir, it is encouraging to see that so eminent a practical farmer as Mr Anthony Rosen supports the not an irrational or unjust view that all agricultural interorganizations offer ests should present a common greater job security, or a pleafront I would like to add, how-ever, that they should be joined by the private forestry industry. It is just not grasped by the people of this country that, by the late 1980s; timber imports, currently runing at nearly 52,000m per year, will cost more than oil. This is all the more inexcusable since we have the land available and the right climate for increasing home pro-

duction. A substantial contribution to huge deficit is proposed by the present Government, who are actually proposing that the new capital transfer tax should tax timber crops several times before they are harvested-each time their custodian, the owner for the time being, dies.

Already the threat of this tax

is calculated to be costing the country £240m in the early years of the next century because the private sector will plant 20.000 acres less this winter than originally expected.

This deficit will double next winter if the proposed tax is made law without some provi-sion for the unique nature of a tree crop.

An apparent determination to prevent private investors from utilizing our marginal land to produce our one renewable raw material is curiously at odds with Mr Wilson's ples. made to the TUC on November 28, for more investment in the private sector. Yours faithfully, B. N. HOWFLL,

Matthews Wrightson Land Ltd. Cheddar.

# N Sea oil jobs

From Miss Margaret J. Jeachim Sir, I was most interested to. hear on the news recently that North Sea oil companies are suffering a shortage of geolo-

Five years ago, I tried, as a graduate in geology, to obtain employment with several of these companies. My failure to. do so was not because of inadequate or inappropriate quali-

fications, but of my sex.

It was apparently impossible to employ a woman for anything other than the execution of routine laboratory procedures, as insuperable administrative difficulties and intolerable ten-sions would be created by her presence as a member of any

field or exploration party.
In view of the current scarcity of trained geologists. I would be whether the oil companies are now prepared to employ women as geologists on the same terms men. Women are not excluded from university gediogy courses, and there must be a considerable well of expertise waiting to be tapped. Yours faithfully,

MARGARET J. JOACHIM, Department of Geological Sciences.

# Lloyds and Scottish Difficult year surmounted.

Main points from the Statement by IAN W. MACDONALD, Chairman of the Board

**Group Earnings** 

The group profit before tax amounted to £10,59 million as compared with £12.33 million for the previous year—a reduction of 14.1 percent

This is the first occasion for 10 years when a fall in profit is recorded and, in view of the reduction disclosed in our half year's results to 31st March, the downturn for the whole year is not surprising. More-over, 1974 has proved to be the most difficult year in history for many finance houses and we have weathered the storm relatively well. Fortunately we do not have liquidity problems, nor any significant exposure to set-backs in the property market. In our case the main adverse factors have been (I) sharp rises in interest rates, (2) lower volume of business, particularly from the motor trade, and (3) rising costs. For example, the Finance Houses Association base rate was 12 per cent at the end of September 1973. It rose by stages to 16 per cent in February and March and thereafter has shown a gradual reduction and now stands at 12 per cent. The average for the year to 30th September 1974 was 14-46 per cent compared with 9.33 per cent for the previous year. Rising interest rates cut into the profit margin anticipated when underwriting fixed rate instalment contracts during pe much lower interest rates. This situation applies to much of our motor business and to part of our industrial financing. On the other hand, a large segment of our lending business is remunerated by interest geared to a base rate and we have also had the benefit of the medium-term money

# Dividends

The profit attributable to Lloyds and Scottish shareholders is £4.86 million compared with £6.76 million for the previous year. An interim dividend of 1.26p per share has already been paid and the board now recommends a final dividend of 1.75p per share, making 3.01p per share for the year. This compares with 2.8665p per share for 1972/73. The year's dividend is covered 1.7 times (1972/73— 2.7times).

which we took at low fixed rates some

The Domestic Credit Scene During the past 12 months the exceptional rise in interest rates, reduced activity in the motor industry, and collapse of the property market, together with a traditional monetary practice of borrowing short and lending longer, created liquidity problems and the flow of fresh deposits or renewals showed signs of drying up. The Bank of England organised (through the Clearing Banks) a support operation which, because of the continuing lack of confidence, has now grown to an aggregate in excess of £1,200 million. This problem—scrious in its

magnitude-remains unresolved but should be tackled soon. There can be no short or easy solution but early decisions should be made identifying those companies which are unlikely to recover and therefore should be run down or merged, and those which are expected to have a profitable future. In the second category there would be a need for restructuring and the acceptance of

appropriate liquidity disciplines. Although our Group is not involved in these troubles, we are disturbed about the loss of status of the finance house sector as a whole and it is in the interests of the industry that this be restored in the not too distant future.

### British Relay Wireless and Television

Towards the end of the year we made a bid for the shares of this company not already in our ownership. The ordinary offer was one ordinary share of Lloyds and Scottish for every two ordinary shares of BRW. Lloyds Bank and The Royal Bank of Scotland offered the accepting shareholders a cash alternative of 191p per ordinary share. We now hold approximately 99 per cent of the BRW ordinary shares and we are in the process of acquiring the remainder. All the preference shares have also been acquired. Lloyds Bank and The Royal Bank of Scotland now own 41.1 per cent each of the capital of Lloyds and Scottish as compared with 43.2 percent each prior to the offer.

me our 5,000 new shareholders. As stated in the offer documents, we consider that this acquisition represents a natural extension of our instalment finance activities in an area in which we already have an interest through House of

### Caledonian Tractor Group Turnover now exceeds Lio million. An increasing proportion of the total has been derived from Caterpillar engines and fork lift trucks as distinct from the heavier earth-moving equipment. Oil industry

developments grow apace.

House of Clydesdale Group To bring the accounts of this group in line with almost all of our subsidiary and associated companies, we have now changed the date to 30th September. The results for the 18 months to 30th September 1974 show a fall in the rate of earnings, due mainly to a slowing down in the expansion of colour television business following rental terms control in December 1973.

There is no loss of confidence in the future of this well-managed group and of advan-tages which may be gained from an association with British Relay Wireless.

International Factors Group Since the opening of 5 regional develop-ment offices considerable progress has been made both in turnover (which now exceeds £100 million) and profit. The management are to be commended on their careful underwriting and monitoring.

## Overseas Interests

Credcor Bank in South Africa (in which we have a 30 per cent investment that had another good year, in spite of increasing money costs and credit restraints. . In Éurope, where we have a majority stake in Eurocredit which in turn has a wholly owned subsidiary in Italy and a minority investment in France, the situation has worsened appreciably. This is mainly due to the long-standing problems of the Italian company, and of the Italian economy. The French company, which is soundly based and well managed, has been reporting somewhat lower profits due to rising costs and credit restraints. We have made a substantial provision in respect of our Eurocredit investment.

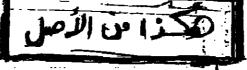
Future Prospects

The deteriorating economic situation of the country makes it impossible to estimate the outcome of a future period in monetary terms. With an expected lowering in the standard of living, one may anticipate a falling demand for consumer durables. Rising petrol costs will almost certainly deter the sales of motor cars. On the industrial front there is always a steady demand for the financing of machinery and equipment renewals but little evidence of investment projects. Overall we do not anticipate any diminution of our penetration in our principal markets, and we hope we shall not be burdened with a repeat of the dramatic rise in interest rates.

Consolidated Profit	Staten	nent
Group profit before	1974 £000	.1973 £°∞0
taxation Group profit after taxation	10,592	12,332
and minority interests Extraordinary items	4,862 638	6,757 (503)
Profit including extraordin items attributable to Lloyd	6	6
and Scottish Limited Dividends: Profit retained in the group	4,224 2,850	7,260 2,488
r rout recaused in the group	1,374	4,772



Lloyds and Scottish Limited



'Confident of improved results for current year'

A vear of real progress

# ...a strong product line and a healthy order book"

\* Orders booked for the year established a new record; unfulfilled orders stand at the highest level ever, virtually covering the whole of the current year's output.

\* Orders from overseas grew at a faster rate: the share of exports in our total business continues to increase.

\* We announced in October, 1974 the two largest models, 2980 and 2970, in our new computer range, the 2900 Series. I am convinced that this Series gives ICL a range of computers unsurpassed in the world, which will well serve our customers through this decade and the next.

\* Our factories produced in 1974 the largest volume of computers in our history.

\* In the present climate it is difficult to forecast the future. But prospects for the current year are undoubtedly helped by the fact that we have both a strong product line and a healthy order book.

From the Annual Statement by the Chairman, Mr. T. C. Hudson.

<b>T</b>	Year to 30th Sept. 1973 £ million	Year to 30th Sept. 1974 £ million
Turnover Trading profit before	168-6	200-5
exceptional items Profit before taxation	15·8 12·4	17·5 12·2

A copy of the full Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary. International Computers (Holdings) Limited, ICL House, Putney, SW15 1SW.

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# **Strategies** for 1975

So, we have come to the end of a catastrophic year for investors, apart, of course, from those like Mr Slater who opted for gold and cash, respectively the best and second-best investments of 1974.

ments of 1974.

Worse still, there is no sign of improvement. The early months of next year will provide plenty of fodder for the pessimists. For the moment, the likelihood is for nil growth in the United Kingdom economy in 1975 while inflation runs on the

wrong side of 20 per cent. In short stagilation. This, against a background of international trade slipping into recession or worse, forces investors into makwhether disaster can be avoided, this time round at any rate. For most people making that

decision in the next three or four months will be well-nigh impossible. In this situation of acute uncertainty, ordinary shares probably have further to fall. At some point during the first half of 1975 it would not be surprising to see the FT ordinary share index as low as 120-130. Meanwhile, gilts, reflecting fears about exchange rates and uncertainties about inflation and interest rates, will continue to be unhappy, par-ticularly at the short end of the

Beyond that the ground rules have changed so much that even now it is not possible to take in terms of moving in at the bottom. Just where the bettom is depends, not so much on the duration of the world recession already upon us, but on the success of the United States and German governments' moves to contain it. It depends on the future price of oil-in the context of rumours of war-and on the future level of inflation; and at home it depends on action by the Government to counter

Thus, gold may continue for the moment to provide the most profitable high-risk investment, while cash, yielding up to 12 per cent, will provide the safest haven for the more cautions, albeit an unprofitable one in real

A speedy switch into fixed interest stocks on signs that Banks recession is really going to bite could pay off handsomely: a three-point fall in interest rates could leave present holders of War Loan, for example, with a capital gain of over 20 per cent to their credit, quite apart from a pre-tax income which is very nearly in line with inflation. Apart from the odd anomaly, equities should probably be left alone—unless there are reflationary moves by the Govern-ment whose effects will be speedy enough for investors to take profits before the possible longer-term implications of such

## Not for the cautious

Investment in oil shares is for the market operator only in 1975. Short-term upward and downward movements in prices can be expected during the year for both London and Wall

Street quoted oil majors.

The two broad scenarios facing oil companies are hardly such as to attract institutional investors back, except to unload stock into the market, as some United States institutions have een doing recently, on any

One prospect would have effects so far-reaching as to be immeasurable until after the event. This is the possibility of event. This is the possibility of operation goes from there. a further Israel Arab conflict Lloyds and Scottish, one of the where the United States, few finance houses to have whether instigator or not, took steered clear of most secondover oil production in retalia-tion against any further Arab

1 A British-based bank is to be denationalized tomorrow. Which one would that be? 2 How was New Year's Day

show that it thought our policemen were wonderful? 6 Who or what is Todaro? 7 Which City bank financed

Savings, the building socie-ties. Which one?

son have in common with the

possibly have in common

Prime Minister this year? 15 What could Edward Heath

Todaro ?

this year different from last

While this danger is now being cited, one must assume that crude oil prices will remain at least at their present levels in the foresettine future, and that OPECO in the doucers would reduce their offly as they saw demand faither one on the international oil compenies became intolerable. Margins are already being

Margins are already being squeezed bard. Shell's total integrated oil trading margin (excluding stock profit) is probably under the 10 cents a beavel mark now compared with around 50 cents in the third quarter. Demand is probably inelastic enough in the short-term to allow some improve term to allow some improve-ment here as selling prices go higher, particularly for gasoline. But in the longer term alternative fuels and the downswing in the trade cycle will reduce demand. Refining margins would then be under very severe pressure indeed, as spare

capacity rose In this centext Shell was In this centext Shell was probably formate to have just over a haif offits third quarter net income of £304m coming from North America and from gas and chemicals earnings outside North America. Of that, only the chemical element (say, £45m) looks vulterable. BP, on the other hand has only its United Kingdom gas operations and chemicals representing around 10 to 15 per cent of earnings as an diset against oil. Pre-Alaska, Noth American earnings will be confined to dividends from Solio.

earnings will be confined to dividends from Solio.

Where one can bok for interfer is in the tax treatment of 6al companies both in the United States. North Sea activity has visibly declined pecalse of the Labour Government stax proposals and any tillows a softer approach here, to be to a short term raily in state series —BP's in particular. In the United States government company horse trading over the differential taxing of oil from "old" and "new" wells will probably provide equal shortprobably provide equal short-term excitement for oil stock prices.

## Still under pressure

For a sector which is not expected to produce any par-ticular horrors, either when it unveils its 1974 results next month, or in 1975, the banking fraternity has suffered an extraordinarily rough stock market ride in the past 12 months. Against a fall in the all-share index of under 40 per cent, the clearers are down by 60 per cent and the merchant banks by more than 70 per cent. And there are still few enough bulls to be found among the analysts, who watch this sector

It would be unduly harsh justice to put it all down to the secondary banks and the mid-summer alarms in the Eurocurrency market. Most merchant banks have felt the backwash of both crises, but the clearers have emerged unscathed at least in direct terms. Never before have they looked so vulnerable to the unforeseen. The £33m foreign exchange loss by Lloyds, one of the more conservative in its currency dealings, was a clear pointer to how difficult it is for any bank to prevent the occasional disaster. Equally unnerving is the question of how much of the £1,200m fringe bank support will ultimately be recoverable, and where the steered clear of most second-ary bank symptoms, has pointed out that the houses as a whole

status until the supporting banks clarify their intentions. In a different way, the same holds true of the clearers themselves. To the market it themselves. To the market it seems certain that there must be losses at the current level of fringe bank commitment, but to judge by National & Commercial's accounts the banks will be making no specific provision on this score in the present year. Ignoring the issue will do nothing to satisfy the doubts.

doubts. As it is, rising bad deb experience is expected to mean other provisions that will knock some nasty (although by no means crippling) holes in profits, turning useful gross increases into pre-tax downturns in most cases.

In other areas, too, there are question marks. Balance-sheet ratios have come under pressure, generating rumours of imminent rights issues. Worry that the banks might not be able to meet soaring industrial financing needs in 1975 (now receding somewhat) have raised the old specire of government intervention. And although none of this need mean more than a relatively modest over-all profit fall in 1975 (even with the prospect of rising costs and, perhaps, falling interest rates), it could suggest that bank ratings will not command quite the same premiums as hitherto if and when we have

## **Future** tactors

This year was, of course, the year of gold. The question is whether those 1974 factors, which pushed the gold price up by around \$80 to just under \$200 will continue in 1975, and, if so, can one expect gold to will preserve its status as the elimate store of wealth. At present, those factors are still with its currency and economic upper the continue inflation was a swing is the balance of power towards the Third World. But it could be the United States Treasury which will have the Treasury which will have the decisive voice, particularly if there are signs that the eco-nomy has bottomed, and thus succeed in its policy of demot-ing the role of bullion in mone-

tary affairs.

Now American private citizens are being allowed to buy gold for the first time for over 40 years. To dampen entitisiasm, the Treasury has released 2 million ozs for auction on January 6 and indicated that other auctions could follow. It is the play between follow. It is the play between these two forces which will determine the short-term price

movement.
South African production for the first 11 months of 1974 fell 2.67 million ozs to 22.6 million ozs with the decline generally Labour troubles have gressed Labour troubles have left the industry with a 22 per cent sortfall overall, on its nomina requirements, resulting in reduced milling rates.

At the same time, grade has been sipping sharply while costs hive continued to rise, deferring indefinitely the ex-ploitation of hitherto marginally ore. So while the reports will confirm quarteri both a reighly 10 per cent drop in production for the year and indicate some extent the prospects for 1975, the Anglo-Ameri can mine statements will spell them out in much detail.

Gold could well reach \$220
before Jule. Shares, however,
while volaile, would need that extra 10 per cent price improve-ment to had their present levels with costs leating away at earn-ings. And although the worst performing gold share in 1974 rose by 31 per cent in 1975 the position could be reversed in what may prove to be a stale cannot recover their loss of bull marke

# Aston Martin: a company lacking the formula for survival

There have been doubts about the future of Aston Martin Lagonda, which has announced that it is going into liquidation, ever since it was purchased for a reported mere £250,000 in February, 1972, by Company Developments, investment bankers, of Solihull, Warwickshire. wickshire,

These doubts were based partly on the new owners' lack of motor manufacturing experience but more importantly on the view that the operation at Newport Pagnell did not con-form to the survival formula for hand-made, specialist car

manufacturers.
Worldwide, the survivors of this once flourishing sector of the motor industry can now be counted on the fingers of two hands. Almost without exception they have one or more of three lifelines; ownership by a leading engineering or motor leading engineering or motor group, the use of a suitable engine and other important components produced in volume and therefore at reasonable cost and access to a well-established marketing

marketing network overseas.
For instance, Perrari went to Fiat, and Maserati linked up with Citroën. Ford bought de Tomaso. Jensen was acquired by Kjel Qvale, a Norwegian-American who made his for-tune selling British sports cars in the United States and possessed a sales network tailor-made for Jensens. In the case of Ferrari and Maserati they had chosen a survival route which enabled

them to maimain their own engineering excellence, while their new partners benefited from the technological spin-off Jensen, already using a and settling its debts to the much cheaper Chrysler engine in its seven-litre Interceptor, and later a Lotus engine in its two-litre Healey sports. two-litre Healey sports car, lacked only two things. It needed short-term finance to

access to a major foreign market place. It got both from Mr
Qvale.

Although Jensen is now in a judicious lapse of time he serious trouble after the nearcollapse of the American market, it should remain a going concern by pushing through a large redundancy programme of it. The Access Martin is con-

The first Asson Martin car appeared in 1913, deriving its jamous of these was the DB series (an example of which, the name from Lionel Martin, who built it, and the Aston Clinton

Hill climb, where it made its mark. It was originally assembled from other people's components and it was not until the 1920s that an Aston Martin appeared with entirely self-enginger neered parts. It was a thorough bred which started a long line of record-breakers on the world's motor racing circuits. The most

storm it has the right formula for survival. Aston Martin has none these things. It is owned by accountants and financiers, men who have in the main made their profits in house building and property development.

There are those in the motor industry who believe that William Willson, the chairman, was attracted by the cheapness of the Aston Martin purchase. No official figure has been given: silence was apparently requested by Sir David Brown as a condition of the sale by the David Brown Corporation. But the company is widely believed to have cost Company Developments only £250,000, with David Brown paying off

his heart overrule his head" was how one prominent motor industry executive put it. put it on its feet again and access to a major foreign mar- of Mr Willson was well aware f the industry's scepticism

large redundancy programme. of it. The Aston Martin is one an acute cash flow crisis on its If it weathers the present of Britain's fixest products and hands. On September 23 Mr

series (an example of which, the DBS, is shown above) which won the World's Sportscar Championship in 1959.

Financially the company was never very successful and after having a number of owners it was bought in 1946 by David Brown, an Aston enthusiast and the head of the David Brown Corporation. Company Developments acquired the whole of the share capital on February 16. share capital on February 16,

intend to see that it stays When he took over, producweek with losses running at tim a year. Within 18 months production had reached nine cars a week, and Mr Willson told the Asion Martin Owners' Club:

"We have passed the breakeven figure of eight cars a gramme.

week. It we can reach our ulti-

mate target of 12 cars a week
we shall be making excellent now be remote, but members
use of our existing facilities."

By July, however, Mr Willson was applying to the individual offers of cash help, son was applying to the Department of Industry for financial assistance to the tune of £500.000. When this leaked out he angrily claimed that by suggesting that the company

was in trouble publicity would bring the hounds baying at his In fact, he claimed, government money was needed to finance a costly engineering

reported cost of £200,000.

By September, however,
Aston Martin was in serious
trouble with sales falling and

Willson again went to the Government for help. This time to the tune of £1,250,000. On October 29 Mir Benn indion October 25 for Bern Indi-cated that he was now ready to help with a loan of £600,000 but insisted on several condi-tions—and that is where the present conflict between Aston Martin and Mr Benn becomes

Martin and Mr Benn becomes a little murky.

Aston Martin insists that the deal fell through because it was required to obtain firm orders from its American dealers as a condition of government assistance. But the dealers in more wanted a commiters in turn wanted a commit-ment from the Government before placing their orders.

The department's version differs. It says the loan was conditional among other things on Aston Martin's concluding a satisfactory marketing arrangement with an American distributor who, it claimed, Aston Martin had already indicated was ready to do the job. In the event no such arrangement was concluded and the offer fell through.

Sad to report, during October the company's remarkable all-alloy 5.3 litre engine, with its racing-type four overhead camshafts, successfully completed the United States 50,000 mile emission test programme.

The chances of another last are still hoping.
A member who competes on race circuits in an Aston said last night: "One of the problems is that the present car is no longer bought by the real Aston enchasiast. It is now an overgrown £12,000 Grand Tourer

nation Martin cars to conform to United States exhaust emission standards.

Although Mr Benn rejected the application the test programme went ahead at a reported cost of £200,000.

By Control Martin cars to conform to heavy and too thirsty.

Nevertheless, there is still a demand for it from people wanting prestige motoring in places like the United States and Japan. If we can keep the company going in some there is the company going in some there is a still too heavy and too thirsty. day we shall see Asion Martin reverting to a light, fast car for the enthusiast."

which has moved a long way from its sporting heritage. It is

# Eric Wigham on the need to balance power with accountability

# Giving unions their share of responsibility

have defeated one government and secured the election of another and largely subser-vient one. They have reached

In some respects they have used their power in a high-handed way. The employers have been broished aside. The unions formulated the terms of a social contract with the Government without bringing the organized employers into it. Indeed, regarded they apparently their obligations

when they changed their min-imum wage target from £25 to E30.

Some of the employers' crit-made, and no means of emor-icisms of the one-sided nature cement. the proposals for the ployment Protection Bill Employment Protection Bill are justified. They complained to Mr Foot with some rearchast it was offensive to accept that it was offensive to accept proposals for legislation from one side of industry and allow the other side to comment only after the proposals had been published.

The Confederation of British Industry had a strong point when it contended that employers, no less than unions, should have the right to refer union rules or recognition disputes to the natural justice. Service. Employers are some-times the worst sufferers from

This year the trade unions governed by self interest was Safety at Work Act to confine to recognized unions the right vient one. They have reached to elect safety representatives the highest peak of their It is the unions job to extend power. getic recruitment and better organization, not by using the law to weaken the safeguards against accident and industrial disease for the half of the employed population not among their members.

The TUC succeeded in in-

ducing Mr Foot to leave it to regarded their obligations itself to set up an independent under it as their own affair, appeal body for individuals which they were free to alter expelled by or refused admission to a union where there is other party to the contract, as a closed shop. The TUC plan provides no time limit for in-ternal consideration of a complaint before an appeal can be

> In view of previous union opposition to any such body, it is questionable whether the negements will enable that now proposed to become effec-

In any case, it will not, as the Donovan Commission recommended, have the power to award compensation or to deal with alleged unfair penalties or election maloractices, or concurrently with the High Court, with alleged breach of union rules or violations of

Concidence of the natural justice.

Concidence of the coming year will further feet the unions' use of their times the worst sufferers from power in a situation of acute economic difficulty. Many pention.

The proposal most obviously corridors of Whitehall as well

as outside it, who fear that the power that has taken place. It outcome, resulting partly from scaring wages, will be a threat to our democratic system. Some envisage that the Government will be forced by eco-

nomic circumstances to take steps which its more left-wing

members will find involerable, so that the Government will split and a new political orien-tation be created. Others imag-ine the Government forced to adopt extreme measures which would provoke a ground-roots revolution and possibly a rightwing back-lash. situations are conceivable only

in the event of extreme external economic pressures which may come about. But sooner or later, in any case, the strength of the unions in relation to government will cause strife far more demaging that the three-day week unless the balance of power and responsibility is respaned. The first two socialist goals.

as set out in the Labour Party's Programme for Britain last year, were "to bring about a fundamental and irreversible shift in the balance of power and wealth in favour of working people and their families? "to make power fully accountable to the community. to workers and to the consum-

The shift in power, if not in wealth, is already taking place; some might say, has already taken place. But how is the power gained by the workers and their organizations made to be accountable

warned the Cabinet that the only adequate solution was ro

their unions was sapped by high unemployment.

Plans for charing responsibil-ity through joint controlling bodies drawn up for industry as a whole by the 1919 Nation senting a loaf and a bag of al Industrial Conference and the Lord the 1927 Mond-Turner talks. and for all levels of individual industries by the Whi Committee, were cast aside.

of the workers and unions has been rebuilt, but they still do not have a share in control such as necessitates the acceptance of responsibility. There is much talk at management seminars of experiments in worker participation. The National Economic Development Council contains the seeds of a Parliament of Industry. But these are only beginnings.

sectors.

will certainly not be so unless in some way it ensures that workers and their representmaking of decisions but also in their implementation. In the past year they have

seemed greedy for power but not for responsibility. The TUC General Council in its report on industrial democracy actually proposed that workerdirectors on supervisory boards should share in the decisions of the boards but still be free to press their case through colincluding the use of their industrial power.

At lower levels, the TUC report advocated the extension of joint control through collective bargaining but had nothing to say about respon-sibility to see that collective bargains were observed. What ever measures are taken by the Government to extend the area of joint decision-making should not only involve responsibilisions but also accountability to the community. The unions have shown they

have the strength to defeat the efforts of governments, whether Labour or Conservative, to limit their power. The way the governments set about it may have been misguided, but events have suggested the problem will in the end have to be solved not through ics tricting but widening their powers by bringing the unions into the machinery of govern-

"Shop-floor power must be given the responsibility with-out which power is extremely dangerous," Sir Frederick Catherwood says in his new year message as chairman of the Brirish Institute of Mana-gement, and he promised detailed proposals from the in-

they contain elements which could contribute to the cre-ation of a new kind of democratic structure for our society?

# A rush of advice for American gold buyers

Americans can roday buy gold again. The 41-year-old United States ban on private bullion ownership has been lifted and, according to some gold enthusiway. No one really knows just what is going to happen and the level of real demand alone will decide whether this event will warrant more than a mere in the history heals. foomote in the history books.

Journalists, economists and so-called gold experts have all written a great deal recently about the complex financial and monetary factors that will determonetary factors that will determine the volume of American bullion buying. The major influence, however, may well be the skills of the marketing experts in the face of thundering warnings by government officials on the risks of owning gold.

Education has been the first theme of the marketing specialists.

The educational programme has by no means been restricted to discussions in plush conven-

to discussions in plush conven-tion centres and hotels. Dozens of organizations have been printing special brochures about the best ways to acquire bullion.

Five commodity exchanges are striving to get business for their new futures' markets. Each exchange is spending heavily to tell the public that it is better equipped to handle bullion deals than its rivals. The big stock brokers, such as Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith are seeking to Conand Smith are seeking to convince the public that they, rather than the banks, are the people to see for gold invest-

ment advice.

Retail stores are by no means being left out of the gold game, although many are still in a confused state over just what they ought to be doing. Tiffanys of New York has no plans to sell gold bars.

At Neiman Marcus in Texas, (which, by the way, is a store that goes in for selling such lavish things as a few hours

of tennis lessons with former Wimbledon champion John
Newcombe for \$4,000) a top
executive frankly admitted that
selling gold bars was under consideration, but that a final decision had still to be made. A similar reaction came from the Woodward and Lothrop chain of stores, but such posh stores as Bloomingdales in New York and Garfinckels in Washington stated flatly that they will not be selling gold in any

will not be selling gold in any form other than jewelry.

Most of the country's biggest, banks will have some bullion; on offer at their main branches. Smaller banks around the country appear to be uncertain. Some have firmly ruled out the idea, and one executive at Washington's Riggs.

executive at Washington's Riggs
National Bank added wryly
that the only gold the bank
would ever have "is the gold
in our teeth". Confronting the marketing skills of the businessmen is the

ingenuity of government officials. The Administration in Washington has decided that a major effort must be made to dampen public demand. Such zencies Reserve, the Federal Deposit insurance Corporation and the Securities and Exchange Com-mission are all issuing rules to the banks and businesses they regulate, that will effectively reduce the enthusiasm of many of these companies to sell gold. The regulatory agencies and the Treasury have just issued a l de point statement aimed at dampening gold demand. The officials note, for example, that people should be wary of people should "be wary or strangers offering gold for sale. Be sceptical of promises of spectacular profits. Resis: pressures to make hurried decisions. Be suspicious of decisions. Be suspicious of claims of new processes to extract gold. Seek independent advice. Consider all the great risks. Demand written guarantees concerning weight

there will be a ready market to resell gold." The Treasury firmly believes that its campaign will have the desired results. The irony, however, is that the Treasury may well turn out to be the largest single seller of bullion.

Beyond the Treasury's campaign is an attempt to depress. the market price through large sales, thereby clearly illustrating the high risks of gold purchasing. Fully two million ounces of Treasury gold will be auctioned on January 6, and there will be further auctions, officials say, if demand is strong. The auctions could, of course, stimulate rather than deflate demand and that, of course, is the big hope of the American businessmen now

and pureness. Determine

Frank Vogi

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### City made a paper million retiring chairman of GKN. who this year declined an invitation to chair machine most of the inter-war years, the power of the workers and Gold may be on the way to toolmakers Alfred Herbert. 19 IG Metall, based in Frank-

3 Who got which top City job partly because he had a demythologization in 1975, being traded at 5.01 Greenwich partly because l sense of humour? 4 Which two economists were surprised to find themselves Mean Time this morning as a normal commodity after the lifting of the American ban on mentioned in the same breath this year? 5 How did the City in 1974

lifting of the American ban on ownership by private citicens. Nevertheless, gold still exerts a powerful pull. In Chicago for example, the Mid-America Commodity Exchange, in an unprecedented move, opened its doors for trading in gold at one minute past midnight, local time. Dealings lasted for just 14 minutes.

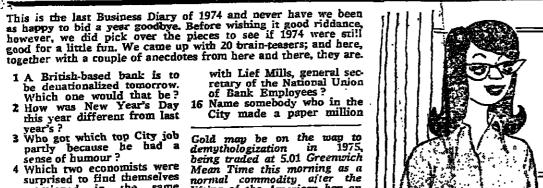
From today there are five 8 Name a trade union for strikers.
9 Which former chairman of From today there are five the Federation of University Conservative and Unionist American commodity exchanges trading in gold futures, three in Chicago and two in New York. Minneapolis was to have been the sixth, but has now put Associations was redeployed in August? 10 Can you see a social contract? 1) What were UU Textiles, Bridon and AAH called be-fore they decided to shorten off its start indefinitely, it is said to give firms extra time to

drum up trading. 12 One of the following instituthis year when most people were losing what they al-ready had. tions this year proposed an index-linked savings scheme for 1975: the Life offices, the Department of National

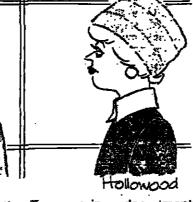
In remembrance of whom could it be said: "He bid steels at 205"? Whom did Herbert tempt? 18 Whom did Herbert temps.

19 Name the biggest trade union in Western Europe and, failing that, the biggest

white collar union. How and where did the Lord Mayor of London use his loaf this year and why was it such a good place?



Business Diary: Twenty questions • Midnight gold



and Matthew's at the Treasury in a department trying to estimate the chaos that would follow our with-drawal from the EEC."

ANSWERS 1 National and Grindlays Bank, becomes Grindlays

2 This year New Year's Day was added to the list of offi-cial public holidays. 3 Robert Fell, who tomorrow becomes the Stock Exchanges first chief executive. One of the qualities sought when the job was advertised was a sense of humour.

humourl 4 Friedrich von Hayek and Gunnar Myrdal respectively right and left-wing economists, who were this year awarded the Nobel Prize for

Economics. By floating a £500,000 oneyear bone at 123 per cent on behalf of the Metropolitan Police 6 The Ronad Milhench com-pany which bought 95 acres at Ince-in-Makerfield from

land reclaimer and former aide to the Prime Minister, Tony Field. 7 Cripps Warburg,

Chainmakers' 8 The Strikers' Association. 9 Sir John Donaldson, until then president of the Nat-Industrial Relations Court

Sort of. The guidelines are set out in Collective Bargaining and the Social Contract, TUC Publications Department, 10p. Universal Underwear, British

The Department of National Savings.

Sir Sidney Greene, General cover up to 75 per cent of the Secretary of the National purchase price of the property Union of Railwaymen. The —would be linked to the index. paper is The Times.

Minister is a former holder. They're both Balliol men. Jim Slater, of course. It was through his investment in Lubok and therefore in gold. Richard Whitney of J. P. Morgan. Whitney, who tried to turn the tide during the Wall Street Crash, died last 18 Sir Raymond Brookes, the

furt (more than two million); Nalgo (more than 500,000 members).

20 An eight-font float, repre-Mayor's Procession as it passed through the Ward of Bread Street in November this year. Bread Street is Sir Murray Fox's ward and Spillers the millers have

A new year hope for Italian home seekers: their Govern-ment is studying a Bank of Italy scheme to institute special savings deposits for home ownership linked to the cost of

their headquarters there.

living.

The basic idea is that pros pective home buyers could deposit money in special savings accounts whose value would rise with the cost of living index. Ropes, Amalgamated An- The value of the mortgages thracite Holdings.

The value of the mortgages which could be granted on the which could be granted on the basis of the savings accounts-

of the Year, a pipe industry be eligible, as an inducement to award of which the Prime return.

to the community and to the In 1919, when the Establishment was even more fearful of trade union power than it is today, the Ministry of Labour

give the unions a successful property of industry so that they would develop a feeling of responsibility.

The Cabinet ignored the advice and the conflict came in 1926, the year of the General the past theories—for instance, guid socialism or the corporate state—to see whether they contain elements which

Since the last war, the power

beginnings.
The most important development next year (assuming there is no cataclysm) will be the shaping of the Govern-ment's policy on industrial democracy. The Labour Party manifesto in September prom ised a radical extension in both the private and public

But it is doubtful if even

deeply involved in the gold

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**PROSPECTS** 

Extracts from the statement by Mr. Ernest Cars:

● Domestic forecasts still point to an increase in both sales and profits for the current year. We are already ahead in comparison with the same period

l remain cotimistic that our Group will continue its record of improvement.

ries. Which one?

13 A former railway porter became a director of a national newspaper in 1974. Do you know who and of which?

14 What did Campbell Adameter in company with the

Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa

The following extracts are from the review by the chairman, Mr. G. W. H. Relly

The past year witnessed a major event in the history of Rand Selection-the diversification of the corporation into the financial services field through the acquisition of Schlesinger Insurance and Institutional Holdings Limited The acquisition has not only broadened the corporation's predominantly mining and mining financial portfolio but SII's substantial interests in the life insurance, property develop-ment and banking fields will of course be enhanced by the backing of the

On 1st July 1974 the Rand Selection group, including SII, acquired further interests in certain companies within the SII group so that at the financial year-end the group's approximate in-terest in African Eagle Life Assurance Society Limited was 75 per cent, in Western Bank Limited was 69 per cent, in Sorec Limited was 47 per cent and in Metals & Minerals Investment Corporation Limited was 49 per cent while Premier Finance Corporation (Ptv) Limited and Townsview Estates (Pty) Limited became wholly-owned subsidiaries. Although SII held approximately 55 per cent of Schlesinger European Investments Limited (SEI) at 30th September 1974 it is anticipated that following a proposed reorganisation of SEI's capital structure this interest will be reduced to under 40 per cent and consequently the SEI Group has not been consolidated.

Rand Selection's consolidated taxed profit for the year ended 30th September 1974 was R43 911 000 and earnings a share, adjusted to reflect that profits from the new subsidiaries were received for only a portion of the year, amounted to 113.6 cents compared with R25 903 000 or 76.1 cents a share in the previous financial year. These higher earnings enabled dividends to be increased to 70 cents a share, 17.5 cents greater than in 1973 and 2.5 cents higher than the 67.5 cents forecast at the time of the SII acquisition. The dividends absorbed R27 016 000 and an amount of R11 598 000 was transferred to reserves leaving R5.297 000 to be added to unappropriated

Investment income benefited significantly this year from higher dividends flowing from the corporation's gold interests and rose by 52 per cent to R49 412 000. The results of the SII group for the six months since 1st April 1974 were consolidated for the first time and the surplus, after tax, attributable to life insurance and banking contributed R2 759 000 and R1 121 000 respectively. In addition the financial activities of the SII group gave rise to net operating income from finance of R906,000.

As a large part of Rand Selection's income is attributable to dividends from investments in financial and industrial companies such as Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Limited and Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company Limited, which do not distribute their earnings in full, the above results do not indicate the full extent of the corporation's underlying strength. If the corporation's share of these undistriburnd profits, after adjusting for cross holdings, were to be taken into account al earnings would have amounted to 200 cents a share against 145 cents for ious financial vear

It will be evident that although the consolidated assets of the expanded Rand Selection group have increased to R1 209 million at 30th September 1974. cognisance should be taken of the liabilities relating to the insurance and banking onerations and thus the rise in the shareholders' equity interest is a more valid indication of the increased size of the group. If the shareholders' equity interest in the corporation were to be adjusted to reflect the market value of listed investments and the directors' valuation of unlisted investments the total value of each Rand Selection share would have been 2 039 cents at 30th September 1974 compared with 2 151 cents at the previous year-end. As a result of higher market prices since the financial year end, this value rose to 2.321 cents a share on 29th November

The general investment portfolio of the Rand Selection group at 30th Sep-tember 1974 had a book value of R263 709 000, an increase over last year of R20 657 000 of which R9 373 000 relates to the inclusion of SII's own investments this year and the balance of R11284 000 to net increases in the listed and unlisted investments of R6 020 000 and R5 264 000 respectively. Mortgage and other loans rose by R11 000 000 to R28 102 000 but. after exclusion of SII's share of R2 970 000. the increase of R8 030 000 represents the loans made by the corporation and its other subsidiaries which together with the growth in investments resulted in a R 19 314 000 increase in these assets. The rise this year is attributable largely to the increased interest in or loans made to a number of the corporation's existing investments while Rand Selection took up certain rights arising from its present shareholdings and under the cornoration's agreement with Anglo American Cornoration of South Africa Limited wherehy Rand Selection has the right to participate in Anglo American Corporation's new business. These investments were mainly financed by retained earnings although the sale proceeds of certain investments contributed to the funds available for re-investment. In November 1973 the corporation exchanged its equity interest in The South African Breweries Limited for additional shares in Anglo American Investment Trust Limited.

# MINING

At 30th September 1974, the market value of Rand Selection's listed investments was R784 million or 304 per cent higher than book cost, compared with R689 million or 290 per cent greater than book cost at the previous financial year-end. The directors valuation of unlisted investments is R101 million; 31 per cent higher than the book value of

Rand Selection's interest in gold mining continues to form the major part of its general investment portfolio, representing 68 per cent of the total market value, equivalent to 1 444 cents a share: and also provides 60 per cent of the corporation's total general investment

The gold mining industry has enjoyed most successful year despite lower production and rising costs. Total revenue from the industry's gold mining opera-tions increased by R799 million to R2 356 million for the year ended 30th September 1974 while production declined by 9.3 per cent to 785 tons. The drop in production is attributable partly to the mining of lower grade ores but also to the recent labour difficulties. The inflationary pressures on working costs have continued and together with substantial salary and wage increases have resulted in the industry's working costs rising by 26 per cent to R914 million for the year to 30th September 1974. Working profits increased by 73 per cent to R1 442 million and, after including uranium profits and sundry revenue, the industry's total pre-tax profits at R1 504 million was 72 per cent higher than for the year ended 30th September 1973. Taxation and the State's share of profits, however, increased by 80 per cent over the same period and absorbed 50 per cent of the total profits.

Anglo American Gold Investment Com-pany Limited (Amgold) remains the corporation's main source of investment income. The higher gold price level resulted in Amgold's and the corpora-tion's direct interests in the gold-mining companies earning substantially higher profits over the past year.

This year Rand Selection's diamond interests provided 10 per cent of its inincome and made up six per the value of its investment portfolio. Strong market conditions during 1973 together with price increases in May and August last year resulted in sales of diamonds by the Central Selling Organisation (CSO) increasing by 40.5 per cent to attain a record R921 million in 1973. De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited earned record profits last year and its higher dividend distribution benefited Anglo American Investment Trust Limited accordingly. Although the diamond market has been adversely affected by current high interest rates, demand for the less expensive diamonds remains strong and CSO sales rose by 12 per cent to R535 million for the six months to 30th June 1974 compared with the corresponding period last year.

During the past year the demand for platinum and its associated metals has remained firm for both industrial and jewellery usages. However, the market recently has been adversely affected by the present uncertainties in the worldeconomy and fluctuations in demand, particularly in the Japanese jewellery trade, have also occurred. The corporation's platinum interests are mainly held through its indirect interests in Rustenburg Platinum Mines Limited. During the financial year ended 31st August 1974 Rustenburg raised its published price of platinum by U.S.\$32 an ounce to the present level of \$190 while deliveries of platinum to the Ford Motor Company of America contributed to Rustenburg's substantially increased volume of sales and taxed profits.

international events during the past year involving sharply increased crude oil prices and selective embargoes have focused attention on national energy resources and created an upsurge domestic coal requirements. The development and expansion of the coal industry have been retarded largely by historically low profit margins arising from the controlled pricing system, a situation recently severely aggravated by inflation. A more realistic price structure is essential to enable the industry to meet the higher demand by establishing additional coal mining capacity and to attract the substantial capital investment necessary to implement advanced coal mining techniques, including open-cast mining. The Vereeniging Estates Limited, through which the major part of the corporation's coal interests is held, marginally increased its earnings in 1973 with some improvement being achieved during the first six months of 1974 but dividends remained unchanged.

# FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

Rand Selection holds significant interests—representing 10 per cent of its general investment portfolio—in companies situated outside South Africa. Charter Consolidated Limited, the United Kingdom-based mining finance company, increased its earnings significantly during the year ended 31st March 1974 with all sections of its operations contributing to these improved results. Anglo American Corporation of Canada Limited had an excellent year in 1973 mainly because of the record profits achieved by Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co., Limited in which it increased its direct interest

The major portion of the corporation's copper income is derived from its equity interest in Minerals and Resources Corporation Limited (Minorco), formerly Zambian Anglo American Limited, which through its major investment, a 49.9 per cent interest in Zambia Copper Invest-ments Limited (ZCI), has a significant interest in the Zambian copper mining industry. As a result of higher dividend distributions by the mining companies ZCI declared significantly increased dividends and Minorco benefited accordingly Earlier this year Minorco acquired an effective 43 per cent equity interest in Trend Exploration Limited, a United States oil and gas exploration company. Furthermore, Minorco acquired from the corporation, in common with other associates, its indirect interest in Engelhard Minerals & Chemicals Corporation (EMC) and received, as consideration, new 'A' ordinary shares in Minorco. EMC continued its remarkable earnings growth and profits which reached record levels in 1973 were further advanced during the first nine months of this year

# INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS

A very high level of activity in the

throughout the year. The corporation's industrial interests, accounting for 11 per cent of its investment portfolio and per cent of its investment portions and 13 per cent of its investment income, are mainly represented by its holding in Anglo American Industrial Corporation Limited (Amic). Amic had an excellent year in 1973 with profits rising to record levels and this trend has continued this year. These improved results were largely attributable to record profits by Amic's major subsidiaries, Scaw Metals Limited and Boart International Limited, with S.A. Forest Investments Limited also contributing significantly to the growth this year. After declaring its maiden dividend in 1973, Highveld Steel and Vanadium Corporation Limited increased its dividend distribution this year and is embarking on a significant expansion scheme. The corpora-tion's other industrial investments have generally performed well.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES

The acquisition of Schlesinger Insurance and Institutional Holdings Limited (SII) has led to the corporation's direct involvement in the financial services in-dustry. SII, now a wholly-owned subsidiary of the corporation, has significant interests in companies within the life insurance, property development, bank-ing and finance fields in Southern Africa and the United Kingdom, SII's most important source of profit remains the life insurance activities of the group which accounted for 62 per cem of SII's profit in the 1974 financial year. During the past year the life insurance industry has had to contend with declining investment values at a time when every ffort was required to protect policy holders against the effects of inflation. However, short-term fluctuations in investment values do not have a material significance for life insurance companies whose investments must, of necessity, geared to provide stability and profitabe geared to provide stability in the long term. During these difficult times the strength and growth of SII's principal operating entity, the African Eagle Life group, has been evidenced. At 30th September 1974 this life insurance group had a R323 million investment portfolio, including a large proportion of property investments, against which its life insurance funds totalled R294 million. By comparison, at 30th June 1973 investments and the life insurance funds amounted to R276 million and R265 million respectively. I am confident that we can look forward continued growth particularly as African Eagle Life is well placed to play a major role in the business provided by the economic development of all South

It has been a very difficult year for the banking industry. The high rate of economic activity during a period of rapidly inflating costs together with the repayment of overseas borrowings arising from the high interest rates abroad applied a tremendous pressure on the banks' ability to grant additional credit. these circumstances, the lending ability of the banks was impaired by the loss of liquidity through the balance of payments and by the stringent liquid asset requirements.

However, capital appears to be flowing back into the country as a result of the recent trend in falling world interest rates and the fact that South African borrowers have been encouraged by the authorities to seek funds abroad. The outlook for the balance of payments now seems much improved, and there are indications that the financial climate will be easier in the foreseeable future, with a consequent alleviation of the tight position of the banks.

In common with other smaller banks, Western Bank Limited has been adversely affected by the difficulties experienced this year and in the circumstances its increased profits for the year ended 30th June 1974 were a most commendable achievement.

## PROPERTY INVESTMENTS

The corporation's interests in property are largely held through its investment in Anglo American Properties Limited (Amaprop) and Sorec Limited (Sorec). As expected, Amaprop's results deterior-ated further during the year ended 28th ebruary 1974 primarily because of the heavy interest burden and the low return presently being received on completed projects which account for a significant proportion of Amaprop's assets. An improvement in this situation, coupled with the revenue earning potential of new projects yet to be completed, should establish a sound investment and revenue base in due course.

SII has a substantial equity interest in Sorec which specialises in developing and holding property, mainly commercial, for investment purposes. In addition to its South African portfolio of com-pleted buildings and major projects under construction, (which include the African Eagle Centre and Kine Centre in Johannesburg), Sorec has property interests in the United Kingdom. Sorec's profit growth has continued with record earnings being achieved during the year ended 30th June 1974.

## **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

During the past year the economic fortunes of the western world have been beset with problems and uncertainties which have, in contrast, favourably influenced the international importance of gold and the continued high price augurs well for our significant interests in this metal. South Africa has inevitably been affected by world trends but the country has nevertheless experienced a record growth rate. A levelling off is expected in 1975 but the longer-term outlook for the economy and consequently the Corporation's industrial, financial and property interests gives every reason for encouragement. The acquisition of SII this year has provided the Corporation with a broader income and asset base and with its solid foundation of gold and mining financial investments I am confident that the Corporation can expect sector was experienced further growth in the years ahead.

The 83rd Annual General Meeting of Rand Selection Corporation Limited will be held in Johannesburg at 44 Main Street on Friday, January 34th, 1975.

Copies of this review and the annual financial statements are obtainable from the London office of the company at 40 Holborn Copies of this review and the winder function statements. Charter Consolidated Limited, P.O. Box 102. Charter House, Viaduct, ECIP IAJ or the office of the Transfer Secretaries. Charter Consolidated Limited, P.O. Box 102. Charter House, Purk Street, Ashiford, Kent TN24 8EO



# Record order book at ICL: 'legal doubt' on Plessey director post

on Plessey Co's right to appoint a second director, Mr T. C. Hud-son, chairman of International Computers (Holdings), in his annual statement, reports also the order book at record levels.

Orders booked for the year (even allowing for inflation), and the unfulfilled order book are the best ever, practically covering the whole of the current year's output. Encouraging also is the fact that new orders in Britain continued to grow in spite of the general economic uncertainty. One aspect is that orders from its overseas subsidiaries grew at a faster rate

Giving news of an extra- so that the share of exports in ordinary meeting for January 22 its total business continues to

helped by a strong product line and a healthy order book.

There is some legal doubt, he adds on Plessey's right to nomi-nate a second director. Contrary advice has been received by both ICL and Plessey. But the board believes that the cessation of this right occurred simply because of a rechnicality. , way. Leaders like Arglo-Ameri-

vear and generate growth inter-

The board of this wholesale

and general merchant, retailer

and manufacturing, sounds a warning that the second/half

results from Australia may not

match the first

# Interest and S. Hoffnung costs weigh rising on Negretti but cautious Having pushed its taxable profits up 60 per cent to a 53.3m record last year, the S.

The inability to absorb all cost increases, coupled with higher interest charges to finance a Hoffnung group was aiming to consolidate in all areas this larger volume of trade, cut the taxable profits of Negretti & Zambra, scientific instrument makers, from £131,000 to £91,000 in the six months to Septem-£1.35m to £1.82m on turnover up from £31.1m to £37m. The ber 30.

Although the group order book remains high there has been a slackening of demand in results include a £173,000 contribution from G. & M. Power.
On artributable profits ff £827,000, against £623,000. some sectors and second-half 5827,000, against 5623,000, shareholders are to receive an interim of 187p, compared with 156p, but this increase is to reduce the disparity between profits are not expected to match the £257,000 earned last time. The total, therefore, will be some way short of the £388,000 achieved in 1973-74.

One brighter feature is that no account for relief for increases in stock values has been taken in the figures and the benefit of this will be " considerable". Earnings were down from 4.4p to 2.5p a share and once again there is no interim dividend, none having been paid in recent years.

## Big stakeholder in J. Bright

Although no written con firmation has been received, the board of the Fisher John Bright Group of Spinners and weavers has been told verbally by Mr John Whittaker that he holds about 27 per cent of the

announced a 96 per cent jump in taxable profits to £568,000, on turnover up from 56.44m to £7.28m.

## Bad half for Vinten

Turnover was only £821,000 (against £1.99m).

Chief reason for the drop in output was a difficulty obtaining key supplies, plus the problem of financing the high cost of replacing stocks. The loss is expected to be more than retrieved in the second half.

# Philip Harris cheer

Makers of educational scientific equipment Philip Harris (Holdings) advanced further at midway and the full-time outlook is good. For the half-year to September 30 pre-tax profits climbed 36 per cent to £242,000. on turnover up from £2.11m to £2.69m. Earnings a share work out at 3.6p (2.7p) while the interim payment is 1.79p against

# Berisford deal off

The agreed £1.35m bid by S. & W. Berisford's Dutch subsidiary, Catz International, for Amsterdam Rubber has fallen through. Berisford said in London yesterday that the offer, all cash, failed to gain the necessary acceptances by the closing date. It has therefore been allowed to lapse.

Owing to pressure on space the table of Eurobond prices has been held over.

# **Business appointments**

# Mr Geoffrey Kent joins Imperial Group board

Mr Geoffrey Kent, who becomes chairman and managing director of John Player & Sons tomorrow, has been elected a member of the board of Imperial Group. He has also been elected to the Imperial Tobacco board.

Mr Richard Good and Mr Martin Harper, directors of Keyser Ullmann, have been seconded to the board of Keyser.

appointed to the board of Keyser Ulimana Holdings.

Mr Ian Coates has been made managing director of Guthrie Cor-Mr Leonard Ingrams has been appointed a director and manag-

ing director of Baring Brothers. Mr Ingrams has been a manager in the firm's international finance Mr R. D. Chandler has resigned as a director of Henderson Administration to take up an appoint-

ment as a manager in the investment division of N. M. Rothschild and Sons. Mr John Brooman, deputy chairman and managing director of Black and Decker, becomes chairman and chief executive following the redrement as chairman of Mr Robert Appleby. Mr Brooman is succeeded as managing director by Mr W. K. Goldsmith.

Mr Malcolm Horsman has

Mr Malcolm Horsman has signed from the board of resigned from the board of Horizon Midlands. Mr D F. Smith has joined the board of Sangers.

Mr Peter Wordie has been made a director of Glasgow Stockholders Trust. Mr Michael Knight has become a full-time director of George Kent and has resigned from the boards of Guinness Mahon and

Lewis & Peat. Mr M. G. Wilcox, a director and chief general manager of Midland Bank Group, has been appointed a director of Midland and International Banks and European Banking and deputy chairman of Euro-Pacific Finance

Corporation. Mr R. M. Smith has joined the board of Queen Street Mr Philip Turner has been

named a second vice-president at the London branch of the Northern Trust Bank. Mr H. S. Swallow, deputy chairman of Courage, has resigned from the chairmanship resigned from the chairmanship and board of Saccone & Speed. Mr J. F. Plowman, managing director of Saccone & Speed. succeeds Mr Swallow as chairman: Mr M. N. F. Cottrell, managing director of Courage (Export) becomes managing director of Saccone & Speed. Mr C. F. Lawtence, a director of Courage Overseas Holdings. succeeds Mr Cottrell as managing director of Courage (Export). director of Courage (Export).
Mr Christopher Foster has been made a director of Weatherbys.

Stock markets

# Trading still quiet

Many tokers and investors if notional gains. Glaxo and stayed on holiday yesterday and Wisons led the way followed by the stock market remained a ghostly place Only 2,801 barso that the share of exports in its total business continues to increase. Notable exceptions, however, were Germany and Switzerland.

While, in the present bleak economic outlook, a forecast is not hazarded, Mr Hudson sees prospects for the current year helped by a strong product line.

All eyes turned to the gold

All leves turned to the gold pitch where shares momen-tarily blazed on a further climb in the bullion price, and ahead the opening of gold trading in the United States this morning But the gold pace just failed to reach 5200 as profit-takers quickly moved in.

Gold shares went the same car Gold, Vaal Reef. St Helena and Johnnies rose by around 10 p to begin with but sellers meved in to leave them nar-

Anglo-American finished 70 JAnglo-American missien /p
up at 337p, with Johnnies rising
the to £131, but Vaul Reefs
dipped £1 to £731 and West
Driefontein £11 o £411. Confolidated Goldfields fell 4p to

224p.
By contrast Marievale, Grootvlei and Vlakforten ended the day with useful gains, though Union Corporation shed 9p to 461p with General Mining holding out against the hid from Gold Fields of South Africa. nally. Interim pre-tax profits now show an increase from Blue chips nanaged welcome

Visous led the way, followed by rises of a penny or two in Unilever, Turner & Newall, ICI. Courtands, GEC and Vickers. But Metal Box weakened after commany about the company comment about the

Weekend press comment, from which yearly share recommendations were absent did pick out Vickers, Picco. Foseco and chemicals generally. Bernard Sunley went ahead by 80 to 98p on press comment about a new Eagle Star bid.

Leading bank shares were a penny or two better, but insurances stayed soft on further reflection about the cost of the Darwin disaster in Australia. But Orion stood out in a thin market where buying pushed up the shares 7p to 92p.

Elsewhere Reckitt & Colman and Brooke Bond were better, of good business. John Bright bardened to 17p on news of a near 77 per cent stake built up by Mr John Whittaker.

Some City people also felt that the Jessel Securities stake in Johnson & Firth Brown had now been placed with institutions but Jessel's AGM takes place today, the last day it can be held legally, but it will be at once adjourned.

The property sector was dull. Gilts were quiet, with interest dendened by year-end consideraof good business. John Bright

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# Street strain

New York, Dec 30.-Stock prices New York, Dec 30.—Stock prices closed moderately lower on the New York stock exchange today a investors sought to put finishing touches on portfolios near the configuration of 1974. But the Dow Jones in the trial average rose 1.09 to 60 kg. Volume spurted to 18,5,500 shares from 13,060,000 on Table

Last month this group Cocoa 4 cents down New York, Dec 30.—100 h Yures cosed with issues rancing/from lour to there cents. Figures were inder gressing from the offised, with incidation and short selling indexected by the sell-off in London, driving trices down as much as the four ce limit by mid-session.

Ghara cocos burchases were less than some considers had decided. A fresh setback has been suffered by Vinten Group, photographic specialists. They slid into a loss in the half to September 30 of £45,000 (against a profit of £112,000) and the interim payment is about halved to 0.65p. Turnoway was only sitted to 1.5p. to 1.5p. September 30 of £45,000 (against a profit of £112,000) and the interim payment is about halved to 0.65p. Turnoway was only sitted to 1.5p. Turnoway was 18. Sp. 18. Sp

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Net Asset Value per

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# DUNDEE AND LONDON INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Extract from the Report and Accounts for Year ended 31st October 1974

	1974	1973
Revenue after charging Interest and Expenses of Management Taxation	£165 098 153,778	£419.070 146,545
Preference Dividends	£312,320 14.875	£272,525 14,875
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Transferred to Revenue Reserve Transferred from Revenue Reserve	£ 11,845	€ 27.950
Earnings per Ordinery 25p share	1.77p 31st October 1974	1.53p 31st October 1973
Valuation of Investments (including full Dollar premium)	£7 \$93 827 (£1,241,970)	215 741 146 (21 526 586)

# December cocoa plunges £88.75

There was a dramatic fall in the December position on the iondon COCOA futures market vesterday. After trading at 5842.50 it collapsed to close at £746.75, a trop of £85.75 a tonne compared with last Tuesday. Other positions drawed between £9 and £21.

Static & Co (London) report that for some while prices have hinged on rearby December as here the arrivals in the United langeon might not be sufficient account large outstanding positions. But over the holidays might arrived and graded and that if against the London arrival.

Imported frozen: NED's: 29.0-295p; NED's, 26.5-27.0p; NEB's, 22.5-240p; NEYL's, 28.0-28.5p. -Why Assoc

Engrg backs

Explaining his board's plan to give £7,500 to the Conserva-tic Party, Mr Henry Moore, chairman of Associated Engin-

caring, says in his review that

one of the most crucial prob-

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he encouragement of corporate resprise, thrift and personal

Any extension of nationaliion for decrinaire reasons ould be a disaster", he goes on fine private sector of indus-

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overnment of the day, provides irtually all the country's overeas earnings. But, says Mr loore, "neither politicians nor

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in prospects Mr Moore conions that a further increase in your profits is expected this

ear. He will retire as chairman

ext September and be succeeded by Mr John Ferguson, lenuty chairman.

Mr Moore, this time writing s chairman of another leading ngineer. Staveley Industries, referes. like some other indus-

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HABLEY.—Ipswich, £50.00. Home-Grown, Cercals Authority's regional and United Eingdom average ox-farm spoil prices for the week ended December 26.—Soft mining WHEAT.—Eastern, £54.50. West Midlands, £51.25: North-east, £54.75: UK, £54.60. Feeding BARLEY.—South-east, £50.00: Stute-week £60.50. Eastern, £50.95: Stute-week £60.50. Eastern, £50.95: Stute-week £60.50. Eastern, £50.95: Stute-week £50.50. South-east, £50.70. Week £59.80: North-east, £55.70. UK, £59.70.

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Ghana cocoa purchases Purchases of main crup cocua for the twelfth week of the season ended December 26 are estimated at 22,685 long tons, the Ghana Cocoa Marketing Board said. This brings the total for the season to an estimated

284,290 long tons. Main crop purchases in the twelfth week of last season ended December 6 were 20,330 long tons, which brought the cumula tive total to 153,788 tons.

## Foreign Exchange Dollar rallies

The dollar railled on foreign exchanges yesterday following the German Bundesbank's relatively heavy buying of the currency. Their support action-reported to involve the purchase of £17.75m-halted the United States currency's decline against the Europeans and even allowed it to make up just a little lost ground.

Swiss francs—which earlier hit a record 2.5975 to the dollar-retreated to 2.5225 compared with an overnight of 2.5200. German marks eased back to 2.4035 from the peak of 2.3985 they reached after Friday's closing 2.4215.

# **Spot Position** of Sterling

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# Sterling hovered around \$2.3450 for most of the day, above Friday's closing level of \$2.3420. Its devaluation against other major currencies was static all day at 21.6 per cent compared with Friday's 21.5 per cent. The closing rate was \$2.3460, up 40 points on the day.

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Gold closed at \$1923, down \$3
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## Discount market

All expected shertage of day-to day credit in the discount marke day credit in the discount marker yesterday finally proved not so bad as feared. Conditions were patchy throughout, some houses managing to balance their books without no much difficulty, while others were unable to pick up the required tunds.

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### **Money Market** Rates

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# Chloride expand in US The Chloride Group has lived into the United States Industrial barrery and charger Taker by acquiring the assets Agair Equipment for about A Agair Equipment for accountilless cash. Chloride already las a strong presence in the laited States after its purchase of Congrex Corporation, now anamed Chloride Inc.

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INTERIM STATEMENT

# S. Hoffnung & Co. Limited

INTERIM RESULTS

The Directors report that the unaudited results for the half-year ended 30th September, 1974 are as follows .-Half-year Half-year Half-year

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Notes:--(1) The results for the half-year ended 30th September, 1974, have been converted into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling on that date. The change in the rates since 31st March, 1974 (including the devaluation of the Australian 5 on 25th September. 1974) has had the effect of reducing the profit before lax by £159,000.

(2) The ligures for the two half-years ended 30th September, 1973 and 31st March, 1974, have been converted into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the latter date.

(3) The figures for the half-year to 30th September 1974, include the unaudited profits of G & M Power Plant Co. Limited for the period from the date of acquisition 20th May, 1974, to 30th September, 1974, amounting to £175,000 (before tax of £90,000) less interest of £104,000 payable on the 12% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1965/90 issued as consideration for the

(4) The fully diluted earnings per share are not materially less than the basic earnings per share shown above.

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# **Broadcasting Tuesday**

Yer actual Alf is all set to give yer 'Arold a good start or 1975 with Till Death Us Do Part but now look what that silly moo is going to do. Marvellous ennit? (BBC1 10.25). Earlier there is drama of a different sort with The Canterville Ghost. Do you hear those shrieks? It is Oscar Wilde (ITV 7.30). Globe Theatre presents a play of hired-girl superstition from never-negligible Canada (BBQ 9.40). Vision On, that engaging programme for children, returns (BBC 5.15) is does dear old Sooty (ITV 4.25). Ring out the old year with continuous entertainmen (BBC1 10.55 and ITV 10.30 onwards).--L.B.

Tyne Tees

10.00 am, The Monkees, 10.25, The inguises of Animals: Part 2. Star Trek. 12.35 pm, News. 12.40, Film 74. 1.30, The Misner Men (new series). 1.35, Teddy Edward. 1.45, The Year of the Borse. 2.30, Film 71. The Endless Summer (1966) th Mike Hynson, Robert August. 10, Play School. 4.25, Dastardly and Mutley. 4.35, Jackanory. 4.50, Hope and Keen Scene. 5.15, Vision On. 5.40, Magic Roundabout. 5.45 News. 6.00 Nationwide.\*
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Ringling Brothers and Bar-num and Bailey Circus. Film: Star! (1968) with Julie Andrews, Richard Crenna, Michael Craig, Daniel Massey.

Daniel Massey.

2.15 News.
10.25 Till Death Us Do Part.
10.55 Top of the Year: Variety
Club Awards.
12.00 Chimes of Big Ben.
12.01 For Auld Lang Syne: A
gala show. His Majesty's
Theatre. Aberdeen.
12.45 Prologue, Weather.

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Variations (BBC1): LES—10,00-10.25 am, Telli-LES—10,00-10.25 am, Telli-DE-5.50 pm; Wales Today, In. 6.50-7.00, Heddiw, 7.00-bol Y Cwm SCOTLAND.— SCOTLAND.— BOOK SECOND SCOTLAND.— PM SCOTLAND.— BOOK SCOTLAND.— BOOK

Westward

BBC 2 .

11.00-11.25 am, Play School.
5.45 Test Cricket from Australia.
6.15 The Engineer Through the
Looking Glass: part 3, Jam
Yesterday, Jam Tomorrow. Book Programme. Romeo and Juliet, ballet by

Romeo and Juliet, ballet by John Cranko.
Globe Theatre: A Bird in the House, by Margaret Lairence.
Film, The Devil Rides Out (1968), with Christopher Lee, Charles Gray.
Big Ben: News Headlines.
2.00 am, The Old Grey Whistle Test.

Yorkshire

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Thames 11.00 am, Cartoon. 1105, Riptide.
11.55, Fable. 12.00, Hickory House,
12.15 pm! Rod Hull and Emu.
12.30, Cooking on a Bidget. 1.00,
News. 1.20, Lunchtibe Today.
1.30, Emmerdale Farm 12.00. Good
Afternoon. 12.30, Rooms 3.00, Hadleigh. 3.55, Looks Familiar. 4.25,
Sooty. 4.50, Magpie. 15.20, The
Fiintstones.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today. News, 6.00, Toda Crossroads.

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The Canterville Chost, with David Nivers.
Film, The Good Guys and the Bad Guys, with Robert Mitchim, George Kennedy, David Carradia, Tina Louise

10.15 News Fear's Eve at the Wheeltsppers and Shunters Social Clab.

11.30-12.30 am Ring in the New. Radio

11.00 am, Roving Report. 11.30, Sound of the Pipes. 12.00, Thames. 2.00, House Party. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, The Amazing Chan. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Thames. 12.30 an, A Message for New Year from the Lord Bishop of Chesterle-Street. Scottish 11.35 am, The Sound of Pipes. 12.00, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Fable. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, The Protectors. 7.00, Thames. 12.30, Late Call. 11.00 am, Rainbow Country. 11.30, The Sound of the Pipes. 12.00, Thames. 1.23 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, The Geordie Scene. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35-12.30 am,

# Wednesday

A day for the television connoisseur. What else could it be with yet another new production of The Secret Garden, that ever-enchanting serial for children and adults alike, and this time in colour too (BBC1 5.0). It is a day, too, when television with all its marvels essays a programme about something even more marvellous—the Car (BBC2 8.30). Too Long a Winter, Yorkshire's award-winning hill-farm documentary, is repeated (ITV 1.50), that Strauss concert from Vienna comes round again (BBC2 7.45) and television has a song to sing O with The Yeoman of the Guard (BBC1 9.15).

BBC 1 9.45 am, Camberwick Green. 10.00, The Monkees. 10.25, The Lan-guages of Animals: Foreign Languages of Animals: Foreign Lan-guages (part 1): 10.55, Star Trek. 11.45, Gary Player Special. 12.42 pm, Weather. 12.45, Grand-stand. 12.50, Football Focus. 1.05, 1.40, 2.15, 2.50, Racing from Chel-tenham. 1.25, 2.00, 3.45. Skl-Jump-ing from Garmdsch. 2.25, 3.10, Rugby (Widnes v St Helens.) 4.00, Play School. 4.25, Wacky Races. 4.35, Babar Comes to America. 5.00, The Secret Garden. 5.30 News. 5.45. Nationwide, in-5.30 News. 5.45. Nationwide, in-cluding interview with the Duke of Edinburgh.\*

Film, Custer of the West (1967), with Robert Shaw, Mary Ure, Jeffrey Hunter, Ty Hardin, Robert Ryan. The Yeomen of the Guard, by Gilbert and Sullivan. 9.15 11.15 Nimino in Australia: part 1: The South. 12.00 Weather.

Anglia

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Westward

BBC 2 11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 2.55 pm, Marx Brothers Double Bill: A Night at the Opera (1935)\* and (4.25). The Big Store (1941).\* 5.45. The Engineer Through the Looking Glass. part 4: The Jabberwock. 6.45, Escape to the Sea: Boat Show at Earls Court.
7.30 Newsday.
7.45 New Year's Day Concert from Vienna, Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Willi Boskovsky.

harmonic Orchestra, Willi Boskovsky.
The Cat, its magic and mystery, with Fenella Fielding, Denholm Elliott.
Film, The Charge of the Light Brigade (1958) with Trevor Howard, Venessa Redgrave, John Gielgud, Harry Andrews, Jill Bennett, David Hemmings. 11.25 News. 11.35-11.40, Gabriel Woolf reads Hyssop, by Walter de la Mare.

Yorkshire Border

Grampian Tyne Tees

Scottish

Thames 9.50 am, The Wood from the Trees. 10.15, Squash Rackets. 10.30, A Year of Golf. 12.00, Rickery House. 12.15 pm. Rupert Bear. 12.30, Disneyland USA. 1.00, News. 1.10, The Best of the Worst of Kenneth Robinson. 1.50, Too Long a Winter. 2.45, Film: Monte Carlo or Bust, with Tony Curtis, Susan Hampshire, Peter Cook, Dudley Moore, Terry-Thomas, Eric Sykes, Jack Hawkins, Gert Frobe. 5.00, Battle over Water, documentary. 5.45 News. 5.45 News. 6.00 Dr Seuss on the Loose.

6.25 Cartoon. 6.35 Crossroads. This is Your Life. Coronation Street. Film: Topaz, with Fre-derick Stafford, John For-sythe, Dany Robin, Karin Dor, John Vernon. 10.20 News. 10.50 Say Goodbye, documentary.

11.45 At a Time Such as This. Radio

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